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## Wild Roller Coaster Ride for Wall Street

Trader Peter Tuchman watches a screen above the floor of the floor of the New York Stock Exchange at the closing bell, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted as much as 460 points in afternoon trading, then clawed back much of the ground it lost. It ended down 173 points, or 1.1 percent. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fear drove Wall Street to one of its most dramatic, nauseating days in years on Wednesday. Investors fled stocks and poured into bonds as worries about a global economic slowdown intensi-

fied. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 460 points in afternoon trading, all three U.S. stock indexes were in negative territory for the year, and the so-called fear index spiked. A late recovery limited the damage and left stocks mostly lower. But investors were shaken after the heaviest day of trading in

more than three years. "I think it's fair to call it a global growth scare right now," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Asset Management. Investor concerns of a worldwide economic slowdown turned into outright fear after weeks of turbulence. Germany, Europe's biggest economy is strugg-

ling. Greece, a key actor in Europe's debt crisis three years ago, could see its government collapse next year, putting a crucial bailout program in danger. A batch of worrisome economic news in the U.S. also fueled the selling. Traders sold riskier investments and moved money into U.S. government

bonds, gold and cash. By the end of the day, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 173.45 points, or 1 percent, to 16,141.74. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 15.21 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,862.49 and the Nasdaq composite dropped 11.85 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,215.32

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# Category 3 Hurricane Gonzalo aims for Bermuda

**JOSH BALL**

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HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — Hurricane Gonzalo barreled toward Bermuda as a major Category 3 storm Wednesday, threatening the tiny archipelago where people rushed to repair homes and clear trees and power lines knocked down by a weekend tropical storm. Gonzalo had top sustained winds of 125 mph (205 kph) and was about 590 miles (955 kilometers)

day, with forecasters noting that major hurricanes often fluctuate in intensity. A hurricane warning was in effect for Bermuda, and forecasters said a dangerous storm surge could cause significant flooding on the island, which has some 64 miles (103 kilometers) of shoreline and is about one-third the size of the U.S. capital. Some 3 to 6 inches (8 to 15 centimeters) of rain was predicted. Dennis Feltgen, a National

experience severe conditions," he said in a phone interview. The government said it would close the island's international airport Thursday night, when tropical storm conditions are first expected. Several airlines increased the number of flights departing Bermuda ahead of the storm. Hurricane Gonzalo neared Bermuda as residents of the British territory coped with the aftermath of Sunday's Tropical Storm Fay.

Those living in Riddell's Bay in the island's southwest region have been without power since Sunday.

"I'm still without power, and soon everyone else will be, too," said Max Atherden. "(The storm) doesn't make any difference to me." Bermuda, some 850 miles (1,400 kilometers) east of the U.S. state of South Carolina, has one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world and its strict building codes make structures particularly capable of withstanding storms. Hotels in Bermuda reported a steady increase in bookings as people sought safety in secure buildings. Residents stripped the island's hardware stores of generators, batteries, candles and other items and picked up free tarpaulin distributed by the government. "After the scare at the weekend, people are paying attention this time," said Harry Moniz, a store employee. "We've already sold out of generators and are stocking the shelves as fast as items are flying out of the store."

Supermarkets and gas stations braced for crowds, and many businesses expected to close early on Thursday to allow employees to prepare for the hurricane. Bermuda's schools reopened Wednesday, but were expected to close early.

Gonzalo swept through the eastern Caribbean earlier this week, claiming at least one life in the Dutch territory of St. Maarten. □



**This image provided by NOAA Wednesday Oct. 15, 2014 shows Hurricane Gonzalo, lower right, as it heads toward Bermuda. The storm had top sustained winds of 125 mph (205 kph) and was centered about 665 miles (1,075 kilometers) south of Bermuda Wednesday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. It was moving northwest at 13 mph (20 kph).**

(AP Photo/NOAA)

south-southwest of Bermuda in the evening. It was moving north-northwest at 9 mph (15 kph) and was expected to be near Bermuda early Friday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said. Gonzalo had become a Category 4 storm earlier on Wednesday.

Hurricane Center meteorologist, said it was too early to tell whether the hurricane would actually hit Bermuda, but he warned people to be prepared for severe weather.

"The eye of the hurricane does not have to go over Bermuda for them not to

More than 1,000 homes remained without power Wednesday and homeowners worked to repair damaged roofs. The government called out 200 soldiers of the Bermuda Regiment to help with cleanup efforts on the island of roughly 70,000 people.

## Venezuela: Colombia paramilitary aided in killing

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— President Nicolas Maduro charged on Wednesday that a Colombian paramilitary group collaborated in the killing of a pro-government Venezuelan congressman earlier this month. Maduro presented surveillance video and what appeared to be a taped confession during a news conference called to discuss the stabbing death of 27-year-old lawmaker Robert Serra and a woman who was at his home.

The president alleged a Colombian paramilitary group conspired with the socialist legislator's bodyguards for three months to commit the murder with the aim of destabilizing Venezuela. He said two of six perpetrators had been arrested, including Serra's head of security, and suggested the other four may have fled the country after "sowing violence."

Maduro previously accused former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe of

participating in the plot. On Wednesday, he said Uribe maintains links to groups working against Venezuela. He has presented no evidence for either claim. Serra, a lawyer by training, was elected to Congress in 2010 after gaining prominence organizing young people to counter a wave of destabilizing student protests in 2007.

"Rest assured that we will get to the masterminds of Serra's murder inside or out-

side the country," Maduro said.

He said he will ask for the help of U.S. authorities in identifying and arresting extreme rightist groups in Miami and other cities that he said are trying to carry out attacks against Venezuela's socialist administration.

Maduro also said that days after Serra was slain, there were separate attempts to kill the president of Congress and the minister of education. □

## US man killed by camel at Mexican wildlife park: AP

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**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The American owner of a wildlife park in the Mexican resort of Tulum died after being kicked, bitten and sat on by a camel, and authorities seized the private facility's animals pending an investigation.

Rescuers had to use a rope tied to a pickup truck to pull the enraged camel off the body of Richard Mileski of Chicago, Tulum Civil Defense official Alberto Canto said Wednesday. He said the attack happened Monday.

"The camel kicked and bit him practically to death, and when he was almost dead, he sat on him," Canto said. "Between the blows and the weight of the camel on top of him, he was asphyxiated."

He said it was still unclear why the animal, which was in a kind of enclosure, attacked Mileski, and authorities were sorting through a number of versions, including one that the camel was angry not to get a soft drink.

"One version is that he would always give him a Coca-Cola to drink, and apparently that day he didn't give him the Coca-Cola," Canto said. But, he added, "there are a lot of versions."

The U.S. Embassy confirmed the victim's name and said he died Tuesday.

A statement posted by the sanctuary on its Facebook page said Mileski died Monday at age 60.

"Richard lost his life caring for one of the animals that he has dedicated the last 15 year of his life to saving," the statement said.

"Richard founded the Tulum Monkey Sanctuary on his ranch in order to help rescue an endangered species, the spider monkey, from extinction," it added. "But he did not limit himself to helping the monkeys for his compassion ran the entire range of species from dogs to ducks and horses to javali." □



## New Hampshire convicts reputed cartel member

**CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP)** — A federal jury on Wednesday convicted a man of working with others to expand the cocaine-trafficking empire of one of the world's most notorious drug networks into northern New England and Europe. The jury in U.S. District Court in New Hampshire convicted Rafael Humberto Celaya Valenzuela, a member of Mexico's violent Sinaloa cartel, of conspiracy to distribute more than 2,200 pounds (998 kilograms) of cocaine, plus heroin and methamphetamine, in the United States.

Two others arrested with Valenzuela in 2012 have pleaded guilty to working with the Sinaloa cartel. One of them, Jesus Gutierrez-Guzman, is a cousin of the cartel's notorious leader, Joaquin Guzman, known as "El Chapo." Joaquin Guzman escaped prison in 2001 and ran the enterprise from a series of hideouts and safe houses across Mexico, earning billions of dollars moving tons of cocaine and other drugs to the United States, prosecutors have said. He was recaptured in February and has been indicted in numerous states besides New Hampshire, but it is unclear if he will be extradited. In court, secret video and audio recordings showed Valenzuela conspiring with fellow cartel members and undercover FBI agents, who passed themselves off as members of a European criminal syndicate, to expand the gang's cocaine empire into the United States and Europe. Prosecutors said Valenzuela held himself out as an attorney and financial planner for the cartel.

His lawyers argued that he should be acquitted because he never reached an agreement with the Sinaloa cartel to move drugs, meaning there was no conspiracy. They also argued that there was no overt act in New Hampshire so there were no grounds to try him here. □

## Obama: Ebola monitoring must be 'more aggressive'

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

of frequent travel the disease could spread globally if the world doesn't respond

in the aftermath of a second nurse being diagnosed with Ebola after treating a

team, a SWAT team essentially, from the CDC to be on the ground as quickly as possible, hopefully within 24 hours, so that they are taking the local hospital step by step though what needs to be done," he said.

Underscoring Obama's stepped-up attention to the disease, the White House announced Obama was cancelling his travel Thursday to Rhode Island and New York to remain at the White House to monitor the government's Ebola response.

It marked the second day in a row that Ebola altered Obama's plans. Obama canceled a political campaign trip Wednesday to convene a session of top Cabinet officials involved in the Ebola response both in the U.S. and in the West African region where the disease has been spreading at alarming rates.

Participants in the meeting were a roster of Cabinet secretaries and top Obama advisers, including Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Attorney General Eric Holder, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey. □



**President Barack Obama, second from left, speaks to the media about Ebola during a meeting in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, with members of his team coordinating the government's response to the Ebola outbreak including, from left are Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, National Security Adviser Susan Rice, and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker.**

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

President Barack Obama vowed Wednesday that his administration would respond in a "much more aggressive way" to cases of Ebola in the United States and warned that in an age

to the "raging epidemic in West Africa."

In his most urgent comments on the spread of the disease, Obama also sought to ease growing anxiety and fears in the U.S.

patient in a Dallas hospital. He said he had directed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to step up its response to new cases.

"We want a rapid response

## Ebola-stricken nurse being transferred to Atlanta

**ATLANTA (AP)** — A Dallas nurse diagnosed with Ebola was being transferred Wednesday to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, one of four U.S. hospitals with specialized isolation units to care for Ebola patients.

An ambulance with a crew clad in hazardous-material suits arrived at the hospital Wednesday afternoon and left for Dallas Love Field. There, aerial video showed the crew leading a person in a yellow hazmat suit and booties onto a jet.

A statement issued by the Atlanta hospital Wednesday said Amber Joy Vinson was being transferred to Emory from Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas.

However, a spokeswoman for the Dallas hospital declined to confirm that Vinson had been removed from the facility.

Vinson was one of the nurses who cared for Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian national who died at the Dallas hospital last week of the Ebola virus. Another nurse is in good condition receiving treatment for Ebola.

Another Ebola patient being treated at Emory — an American doctor said Wednesday that he had been critically ill but is now recovering and expects to be discharged soon.

The unidentified patient — a doctor working for the World Health Organization at an Ebola treatment center in Sierra Leone — ar-

rived at the Atlanta hospital on Sept. 9. He said his condition worsened soon after he arrived but he is now much better.

"I am well on the road to a full recovery. I want the public to know that although Ebola is a serious, complex disease, it is possible to recover and return to a healthy life," the patient said in a statement released Wednesday by Emory. The doctor is one of three American aid workers brought to Emory from West Africa; the other two recovered. Emory and three other U.S. hospitals have specialized isolation units to care for Ebola with less risk of spread to health care workers.

The WHO doctor requested

Emory release the statement, given the news about the two recently infected Texas nurses. But he did not give his name, and hospital officials have refused to identify him, citing the wishes of the patient and his family.

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Wednesday that the first Texas nurse — Nina Pham — is in "improved condition." Both nurses were apparently infected while caring for a Liberian man who died of Ebola.

Burwell says all four hospitals with specialized units have been asked about whether they can accept more Ebola patients should the need arise. □



## Supreme Court weighs generic drug dispute

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. Supreme Court seems divided as it con-

Teva claims the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit wrongly overturned five of its patents for the drug. That 2013 ruling

peals court was allowed to second guess factual findings made by a federal district court that had earlier ruled in Teva's fa-



Attorney Carter G. Phillips, representing generic drug maker Mylan Pharmaceuticals, departs the Supreme Court in Washington in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, after arguments in *Teva Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc. v. Sandoz, Inc.* Justices seem divided as it considers a high stakes patent dispute between rival pharmaceutical companies over the world's best-selling multiple sclerosis treatment, a case that threatens to cut into the \$4 billion-a-year profits that Israel-based Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. earns selling the drug Copaxone. Teva claims the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit wrongly overturned five of its patents for the drug.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

siders a high-stakes patent dispute between rival pharmaceutical companies over the world's best-selling multiple sclerosis treatment. Justices heard arguments Wednesday in a case that threatens to cut into the profits of Israel-based Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which sells \$4 billion annually of the drug Copaxone.

cleared legal hurdles for rival drug companies to sell cheaper generic versions this year, though no company has yet received federal approval.

Teva's patent on Copaxone is set to expire in September 2015, but it would like to keep its exclusive rights to the lucrative drug until then.

At issue is whether the ap-

peals court was allowed to second guess factual findings made by a federal district court that had earlier ruled in Teva's fa-

vor. The Federal Circuit re-examined the evidence and concluded that Teva's patent claim based on the drug's molecular weight was too ambiguous. The justices seemed split over whether patent cases should be reviewed under a different standard than other cases, where appeals courts must defer to factual findings made by lower courts.

Federal rules generally allow appeals courts to interpret the law and not to take a fresh look at the facts. But the Federal Circuit — a specialized court created to hear patent appeals — routinely reconsiders factual findings to determine whether a patent is valid. It has relied on a 1996 Supreme Court decision that says patent claims are for courts to decide, not a jury.

Teva attorney William Jay argued that scientific evidence about the patent is factual and should not be questioned by an appeals court. □

## Trooper kills man accused of slashing 2 on casino bus

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**STAMFORD, Conn.** - A Connecticut state trooper shot and killed a man who was attacking fellow passengers with a knife on a bus bound for the Mohegan Sun casino in Uncasville, the police said Wednesday.

Two passengers on the bus, which had set out from Chinatown, in Lower Manhattan, were injured by the attacker before he was killed, but neither person's wounds were life-threatening, the police said.

The man began attacking fellow riders Tuesday night as the bus was traveling along Interstate 95 in Fairfield County, the police said. As riders screamed and dialed 911, the driver pulled the bus to the side of the road near a construction zone by Exit 14 in Norwalk and waved for help. A state trooper who was monitoring traffic at the work site was the first to respond.

As the trooper approached the charter bus, the man with the knife and another passenger tumbled from the vehicle, locked in a fierce struggle, the police said. As the fight spilled onto the side of the interstate, the man with the knife turned on the trooper, the police said.

"The suspect advanced toward the trooper in an aggressive manner with the cutting instrument," Lt. J. Paul Vance of the Connecticut State Police said soon after the episode.

The man refused to drop the knife, the authorities said, and the trooper fired multiple times, striking the man in the leg, stomach and arm.

Although the man was severely wounded, he continued to struggle as he was placed in an ambulance, the authorities said. He was taken to Norwalk Hospital and later pronounced dead.

The state police identified the officer who opened

fire as Trooper 1st Class Marc O'Mara, a 10-year veteran assigned to Troop A in Southbury. The name of the man who was killed had not been released as of Wednesday evening.

The police said about two dozen people, most of them older, were on the bus.

Along with the attacker's being fatally wounded, the passenger he struggled with was struck by a ricocheting bullet. Both injured riders were taken to Norwalk Hospital for treatment.

A dispatcher at Dahlia Travel and Tours, the company based in Queens that operates the bus, declined to discuss the event.

The deputy chief of the Norwalk Fire Department, Stephen Shay, whose station is across the interstate from where the shooting took place, said one of his firefighters witnessed the altercation.

The driver "was lucky or smart, I don't know, but he pulled right behind that police officer," Shay said. "Because who knows what would have happened on that bus?"

The passenger who was trying to subdue the attacker was slashed and struck by a stray bullet in the leg, he said.

"It looked like he was sliced on his chest," Shay said. Another passenger, a woman, was also cut, he said. She was able to walk to a waiting ambulance. Shay said the trooper was shaken by the encounter. "You never expect that," he said.

Bullet holes could be seen on the bus door, Shay said, adding that a pickup truck behind the bus was also struck by a bullet. No one in that truck was injured.

The police closed northbound traffic on I-95 for several hours after the shooting, which took place around 10 p.m., and escorted the uninjured passengers to a local police station, where they were questioned. □

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## Texas abortion clinics set to reopen despite legal limbo

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A day after the Supreme Court blocked a Texas law that had forced abortion clinics to close, some of the shuttered facilities prepared to reopen, pleased at the reprieve but mindful that the legal fight was far from over.

Tuesday's order increased the chances, legal experts said, of a major faceoff in the Supreme Court over a crucial question: What restrictions add up to an "undue burden" on a woman's right to abortion?

That question was raised by two provisions in the sweeping anti-abortion measure that Texas passed last year. The law required doctors at all abortion clinics to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, which proved impossible in many smaller cities. The number of facilities providing abortions in the state fell to about 20 from 41.

Still more stringent was a rule requiring all clinics to meet the costly building and staffing standards of ambulatory care centers. A federal appeals court on Oct. 2 allowed that provision to take effect, forcing all but eight abortion providers in Texas to close.

Together, the rules had left 1 in 6 Texas women living at least 150 miles from the nearest facility providing abortions, according to clinic operators, who argued in court that this posed intolerable burdens, especially for poor minority women in South and West Texas. The state said the measures were needed to protect patients, but medical experts called them transparent attempts to curb access to abortion. In a terse order Tuesday, the Supreme Court said

that the surgery-center requirement should be stayed, and that clinics in El Paso and McAllen could operate without admitting privileges.

While the order did not necessarily reveal how or whether the Supreme Court might ultimately rule, it did indicate that the justices "saw the potentially irrevocable damage if the clinics were forced to close," said Caitlin E. Borgmann, a professor at the CUNY School of Law in New York.

For now, at least, it will prevent a large share of the remaining Texas abortion providers from closing down for good, which would have rendered any future rulings pointless.

The basic issue, Borgmann said, is how much a state may restrict abortion without banning it altogether.

"How much travel is too much? How much do costs matter? These are questions the Supreme Court has never answered," Borgmann said, adding that appeals of the Texas law

could give the court an opportunity to clarify the issue. The practical effect of the court's order was evident Wednesday in Texas, as

some of the affected clinics restocked supplies, called scattered employees and prepared to see patients as soon as Thursday.

In Dallas, the Routh Street Women's Clinic, which had stopped offering abortions two weeks ago, began scheduling appointments.



People protest in front of the Whole Women's Health clinic in McAllen, Texas. A day after the Supreme Court blocked a Texas law that had forced abortion clinics to close, some of the shuttered facilities prepared to reopen, pleased at the reprieve but mindful that the legal fight was far from over.

(AP Photo/The Monitor, Joel Martinez)

## Arkansas Court strikes down voter id law

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The Arkansas Supreme Court struck down the state's voter identification law Wednesday, saying it would set a new requirement for voting beyond those listed in the state's constitution.

The ruling came less than three weeks before the Nov. 4 election in a state where there are several close contests this year, including for governor and the U.S. Senate.

A day earlier, a federal appeals court in Texas ruled that the state could enforce its voter identification

requirements in the November election.

The Arkansas ruling found that the law went beyond the four qualifications for voting in the state constitution. The constitution says that a voter must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state, at least 18 years old and lawfully registered to vote.

"These four qualifications set forth in our state's Constitution simply do not include any proof-of-identity requirement," the ruling said.

The ruling was written by Associate Justice Donald L. Corbin. A concurring opin-

ion, written by Associate Justice Courtney Hudson Goodson, agreed that the law should be struck down but for a different reason. Goodson wrote that the law failed to receive a two-thirds majority vote in the Legislature, which was a requirement to amend laws "initiated by the people," she argued.

Gov. Mike Beebe, a Democrat, vetoed the voter identification law last year, but state lawmakers overrode the veto.

Earlier this year, a judge found that the state's law was unconstitutional but said he would not block

its enforcement because there was not enough time to do so before the primary election in May.

The law required all voters to present photo identification. In the past, the state had required poll workers to ask for identification, but voters could still cast a ballot if they did not have it. Under the new law, voters who did not have identification could cast provisional ballots, but they would not be counted unless the voters returned to the county clerk or election commission by noon the Monday after the election with proof of identity.



## Record number of black candidates seeking congressional offices

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — More than 100 black candidates will be on the ballot in statewide and congressional races next month, a post-Reconstruction record that some observers say is a byproduct of President Barack Obama's historic presidency. At least 83 black Republicans and Democrats are running for the U.S. House, an all-time high for the modern era, according to political scientist David Bositis, who has tracked black politicians for years. They include Mia Love in Utah, who is trying to become the first black Republican woman to be elected to Congress. Four other black women — Bonnie Watson Coleman in New Jersey, Brenda Lawrence in Michigan, Alma Adams in North Carolina and Stacey Plaskett in the Virgin Islands — are expected to win seats as Democrats, Bositis said. If they all win, and no black female incumbents lose, there should be 20 black women among House members, an all-time high, Bositis said. There are at least 25 African-Americans running for statewide offices, includ-

ing U.S. senator, governor or lieutenant governor, also a record number. The previous record for black candidates seeking House seats was 72 in 2012, the year Obama, the nation's first black president, was re-elected to a second term. The previous record for statewide contests was 17 in 2002, said Bositis, formerly of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank in Washington that focuses primarily on issues affecting African-Americans.

sought in the past, said political science professor Fredrick C. Harris, director of Columbia University's Center on African-American Politics and Society. America's blacks voted at a higher rate than other minority groups in 2012 and by most measures surpassed the white turnout for the first time, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. "It may be that this is a reflection of political opportunity," Harris said. He noted a similar increase in black candidacies in 1988,



**Sen. Cory Booker, center, D-N.J., along with 3rd Congressional District democratic candidate Aimee Belgard, right, and Freeholder candidates Tom Pullion, left, and Mike Schmidt second right, greets a gathering at a campaign center in Willingboro, N.J. More than 100 black candidates will be on the ballot in statewide and congressional races next month, a post-Reconstruction record that some observers say is a byproduct of President Barack Obama's historic presidency.**  
(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

Those statewide numbers include Democrat Cory Booker of New Jersey and Republican Tim Scott of South Carolina, the U.S. Senate's only black members. Booker is seeking a full term next month, having won a special election last year to replace the deceased Sen. Frank Lautenberg. Scott, appointed last year, is seeking to finish out the two years remaining in the term of former Sen. Jim DeMint, who resigned from the Senate in 2013. An Obama "coattails effect" is partly responsible for this large candidate pool because it spurred blacks to vote, and encouraged them to pursue offices they might not have

when Jesse Jackson made a second, unsuccessful run for the Democratic presidential nomination. Bositis said the increase may also be a result of changing political demographics in regions like the South. "The fact is that many of the increases are occurring in states (especially in the South) where most whites are withdrawing from Democratic Party politics — leaving black candidates the nominations by default," Bositis said. Republicans have been heavily courting minorities, spending millions to woo black voters and to recruit women and minorities to run for state and local office. □

## Q&A ON THE NEWS

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**Q:** Aren't we into the 25th year of the World Wide Web? On what date did it make its debut? What corporation, business or government agency had the first website?

**-- Lance DeLoach, Thomaston, Ga.**

**A:** The Internet has been around in some form since the 1960s, but the World Wide Web was invented by computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee on March 12, 1989, when he proposed an "information management" system that grew into the Web. He produced the first website on Aug. 6, 1991, a simple page that he titled "World Wide Web," from the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) lab in Switzerland. He wrote: "The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area hypermedia information retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to a large universe of documents." Several labs had websites in 1991 and '92. The Web grew to 623 websites by the end of 1993, according to an MIT researcher, including sites for MTV and the Internet Movie Database (IMDB.com). Websites for Pizza Hut, Yahoo and the White House (whitehouse.gov) were among the thousands that were launched in 1994.

**Q:** I want to know all about George Clooney's new bride. Where was she born, educated and what is her present job? Where did they meet, where did they get married and who was at their wedding, including which celebrities? Where will they reside after their honeymoon?

**-- Gail Whitworth, Roswell, Ga.**

**A:** Amal Alamuddin, Clooney's new wife, was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and earned a degree from St Hugh's College at Oxford University and her law degree from New York University. Alamuddin, 36, is an attorney with London's Doughty Street Chambers who is fluent in French, Arabic and English, and specializes in international law, human rights, extradition and criminal law, according to her staff bio. Clooney, 53, and Alamuddin met through a mutual friend at a charity dinner in Italy in September 2013. Matt Damon; John Krasinski and his wife, Emily Blunt; Bono; Cindy Crawford; and Bill Murray were among the 100 guests who attended the wedding, which was held Sept. 27 in Venice, Italy, and cost \$4.6 million, Entertainment Weekly reported.

**Q:** The term racketeering makes me think of gangsters. Why were the Atlanta educators charged with this crime?

**-- Janet Peterson, Rome, Ga.**

**A:** Fulton County assistant district attorney Fani Willis said the former Atlanta Public Schools educators and administrators violated Georgia's RICO, or Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations, statute because they used the "'legitimate enterprise' of the school system to carry out the illegitimate act of cheating," in her opening statement, the New York Times reported. The district attorney's office stated that former Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Beverly Hall and others "conspired to either cheat, conceal cheating or retaliate against whistleblowers in an effort to bolster CRCT scores for the benefit of financial rewards associated with high test scores," according to the Fulton County District Attorney's office. □



## US Financial Front:

# American producer prices fell 0.1% in September

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Inflation was limited last month because of falling gasoline and food costs that have lowered the prices that U.S. companies received for their goods and services. The Labor Department said Wednesday that the producer price index fell 0.1 percent in September from the previous month. The index measures the cost of goods and services before they reach the consumer. Wholesale gas prices dropped 2.6 percent. Food costs fell 0.7 percent because of lower prices for corn, soybeans and meats. The costs for light trucks and aircraft rose slightly, but broader inflation was held in check.

Excluding the volatile categories of food, energy and retailer and wholesaler profit margins, prices dropped 0.1 percent. In the past year, producer prices have risen just 1.6 percent, slightly below the Federal Reserve's target. "This is part of the reason the Federal Reserve has grown cautious and is warning that it doesn't want to raise rates too soon or too rapidly," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial.

The Fed targets inflation at about 2 percent to protect against deflation, since falling prices could pull down

wages and potentially trigger another recession. At the same time, the Fed tries to prevent excessive inflation that would erode the buying power of consumers and businesses.

Since late 2008, the Fed has held short-term interest rates at near-zero levels. Many analysts expect the Fed to begin raising rates in the middle of 2015, but the exact timing and pace of any increase could largely be influenced by inflation reaching that 2 percent target.

Inflation has been relatively modest for much of the five-year recovery from the last recession. That's largely because few workers have received significant pay increases, making it more difficult for businesses to charge higher prices.

In August, a separate measure of consumer prices fell 0.2 percent in August, as the cost of gasoline, airline tickets and clothing prices all dropped. Over the past 12 months, consumer prices have risen just 1.7 percent.

An economic slowdown in Europe, China, Japan and elsewhere should further mute inflationary pressures because it's driving the value of the dollar higher. A stronger dollar often reduces the cost of commodities such as oil that the financial markets price in U.S. currency. □



Rosa Pantoja sews a bullet proof vest together in the Research and Development department of the Point Blank Body Armor factory in Pompano Beach, Fla. The Labor Department released the Producer Price Index for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014.

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## Whole Foods to rate produce for environmental impact

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Whole Foods Market on Wednesday began a ratings program for fruits, vegetables and flowers aimed at giving consumers more information about pesticide and water use, the treatment of farmworkers and waste management, and other issues surrounding the food they eat.

The upscale grocery chain will rate the produce of suppliers electing to participate in the program, Responsibly Grown, as "good," "better," or "best," depending on, for example, how they handle plastic waste in their operations and whether they provide conservation areas to foster bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

"This is the latest example of our commitment to transparency and sustainable agriculture," said Matt Rogers, who handles standards and sourcing at Whole Foods. About half the produce sold in 390 of Whole Foods' 399 stores will carry Responsibly Grown labels, although the amount will vary from store to store. The company's British stores are not yet part of the program. Although a leader in the upscale segment of the food industry, Whole Foods has struggled to accelerate its sales growth this year, and even though its earnings in the quarter that ended July 6 beat analysts' estimates, its stock is down more than 30 percent this year. The company remains saddled with a reputation for higher prices, and it is facing more competition from mainstream retailers like Wal-Mart, which announced a big push into organics in

April.

This month, Wal-Mart stole a beat on Whole Foods and announced its own plans to curb the environmental impact of the food it sells, together with plans to help shoppers learn more about the food they buy there. Among its partners in the efforts are food-processing titans like General Mills and Cargill.

On Monday, McDonald's unveiled a social media

next year, all the foods sold in its stores will carry labels indicating whether they contain genetically engineered ingredients.

Other grocery chains have scrambled to adopt similar programs, and food manufacturers have changed formulations and packaging in response to many of those programs.

"I think this is going to put pressure on other food retailers to do something in

ing them around the three locations rather than simply to pick a crop. The farms are also certified for food safety practices and fair trade.

He is able to use those certifications to increase his score in the Whole Foods program. But only one Lady Moon Farms earned the "best" designation.

"We were a little weak on our use of renewable resources in Georgia and

said, Whole Foods' requirements go beyond that into farmworker welfare, conservation, waste reduction and clean energy.

"For instance, they want to know about earthworms and how many I have in my soil," said Lyman, whose family has grown apples, peaches, pears and various berries on its farm in Middlefield, Connecticut, since 1741. "I thought, How do I count every earthworm? It's going to take a while."

But he said that he welcomed the opportunity to learn from other growers through the program and that it gives a grower like him, whose produce has earned a "good" rating to start, incentives to try new practices.

Compared to the meat and seafood it sells, a greater percentage of Whole Foods' fruits, flowers and vegetables comes from overseas, where standards for pesticide use, soil amendments and other things are different, but foreign producers also will have to comply.

"If you pressed me to identify what I think is the component that's going to make the biggest difference for people shopping in their stores, it's the application of a pesticide policy universally to anyone shipping fresh produce or floral items, whether they're coming from India or Mexico," said Charles Benbrook, a professor at Washington State University who works on analytical systems for measuring food quality and safety and was among the experts who helped Whole Foods develop its program. □



**A display of produce featuring Whole Foods' new Responsibly Grown labeling. The grocery chain has begun rating about half of its produce with additional information about pesticides, wastewater, water conservation, treatment of farm workers and other issues, rating participants as "good, better or best."**

(Whole Foods Market via The New York Times)

program that allows its customers to ask questions like "What part of the chicken goes into McNuggets?" and "Do your hamburgers contain pink slime?"

Whole Foods already has a program that rates animal welfare practices, an "eco scale" it applies to household cleaners and a program that assesses the sustainability of seafood, and

this regard," said Tom Beddard, an organic farmer who is participating in the Whole Foods program.

Beddard grows vegetables and melons on a total of some 2,500 acres in Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania collectively known as Lady Moon Farms. His produce is already certified as organic, and he employs his workers year-round, mov-

Florida," Beddard said.

The program inspired a vigorous discussion at the annual meeting in March of growers for Red Tomato, a nonprofit marketing and distribution platform for small growers, according to John Lyman, one of its members. While the Red Tomato growers have an "eco-certification" program they follow, Lyman



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## Kurds hold their own against militants in Syria

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MURSIPTINAR, Turkey (AP)

— Intensified U.S.-led airstrikes and a determined Kurdish military force on the ground appear to have had some success in halting advances by Islamic State fighters on a strategic Kurdish town near Syria's border with Turkey — at least for now.

On Wednesday, the Kurdish militiamen were fighting ferocious street battles with the Sunni extremists in Kobani and making advances on some fronts, hours after the U.S.-led coalition stepped up its aerial campaign.

In a surprising display of resilience, the Kurdish fighters have held out against the more experienced jihadists a month into the militants' offensive on the frontier town, hanging on to their territory against all expectations.

"People underestimate the power of determination," said Farhad Shami, a Kurdish activist in Kobani. "The Kurds have a cause and are prepared to die fighting for it."

They also have the advantage of fighting on familiar ground.

"Islamic State fighters have far more superior weapons, but they lack knowledge of the terrain," said Rami Abdurrahman, director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Kurdish fighters, on the other hand, know "every street, building and corner" of Kobani and have the powerful "will of resistance," he said.

Some of them are experienced fighters who have fought alongside rebels of the affiliated PKK in Turkey as they battled for auton-



People gather on a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, to watch fighting between Syrian Kurds and the militants of Islamic State group in Kobani, Syria, background, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters. (AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis)

my for Kurds during a three-decade insurgency.

The Islamic State group launched its offensive on Kobani in mid-September,

capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages and a third of the town in lightning advances that sent massive waves of civilians flee-

ing across the border into Turkey.

Days later, the U.S. and its allies began bombing Islamic State targets in Syria,

but the strikes were slow to take off in Kobani and appeared largely ineffective. Expectations were that the town would fall to the militants within days.

The Kurdish fighters, however, have put up a formidable fight, despite feeling a deep sense of abandonment by an international community they believe has failed to come to their rescue as it did with their brethren and other minorities in Iraq threatened by Islamic State militants.

The fighting in and around Kobani has killed more than 550 people, the majority of them Islamic State fighter, according to the Observatory.

Abdurrahman and other Syria observers say the Kurds have shown much more tenacity and resilience than other Syrian rebel factions who ended up making "tactical retreats" or simply fled jihadi onslaughts in other areas of Syria. □

## Egypt warplanes hit Libya militias, officials say

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Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)

— Egypt deepened its involvement in the fight against Islamist militias who have taken over key parts of Libya on Wednesday, with officials saying Egyptian warplanes have bombed their positions in the eastern city of Benghazi.

The two officials, who have firsthand knowledge of the operation, said the use of the aircraft was part of an Egyptian-led campaign against the militiamen that will eventually involve Libyan ground troops recently trained by Egyptian forces.

The operation, they said, was requested by the internationally recognized Libyan administration based in the eastern city of Tobruk. That elected administration was thrown out of the capital, Tripoli, by rival militias allied with Islamic political factions. "This is a battle for Egypt not Libya," one of the senior officials said. "Egypt was the first country in the region to warn against terrorism and it is also the first to fight it." The officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media, said the operation would last three to six

months and involve the use of an Egyptian navy vessel as a command center off the Mediterranean coast near Tobruk. Renegade Libyan general Khalifa Hifter, who has vowed to wipe out the Islamist militias, is not leading the operation, they added, with Cairo dealing directly with a newly appointed Libyan chief of staff who has visited Egypt several times in recent weeks.

In a televised statement on Tuesday, Hifter, who was an army chief under Gadhafi before joining his opponents decades ago, said that he will resign and transfer power to a young

army leadership.

Tobruk-based Libyan Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thinni told Dubai-based Sky News Arabia that all troops involved in the battles in Benghazi are under the command of the new chief of staff and are instructed to restore state institutions and combat terrorism.

"After the appointment of the chief of staff for the Libyan army, all military operations are under the umbrella of the state and its military leadership," he said.

Al-Thinni met Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi during his last visit to Egypt on Oct. 9. □



## Greece back in market spotlight with nosedive

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**Associated Press**

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** —

After months out of the spotlight, Greece was back at the center of Europe's financial troubles on Wednesday, when concerns over the stability of the government and its bailout program triggered a massive sell-off in stocks and bonds.

Greece's main stock index closed 6.3 percent lower — having traded down as much as 9.8 percent lower earlier in the day. Following a 5.7 percent loss on Tuesday, that brings the index to its worst level in 14 months.

Yields on Greece's 10-year bonds also rose sharply, to 7.73 percent — up 1.10 percentage points on the day, a sign investors are more worried about default.

Economist Megan Greene said investors were rattled by a combination of factors, with the sudden rise in Greece's borrowing rates likely to hurt the country's hopes of leaving its bailout program.

The benchmark 10-year borrowing rate has risen from a low of 5.5 percent in September, making it harder for the country to hope to finance itself on markets and no longer depend on bailout loans. The government had hoped to emerge from its bailout program earlier than planned. "The rising government borrowing costs should be a wakeup call to the Greek government not to tempt

the markets with an early bailout exit," said Greene, chief economist at Manulife Asset Management.

Greece was at the heart of the eurozone debt crisis that started in 2009 and resulted in Athens receiving bailout loans worth

ment terms.

Though Wednesday's losses come amid a wider drop in global markets, they were exacerbated by a survey on Monday indicating the government may not last through the winter. The poll showed the opposition

economy cannot recover unless a substantial portion of money owed to bailout creditors is canceled. It describes the dramatic increase in poverty and unemployment after years of austerity measures as a "humanitarian crisis."



**An employee walks past a screen showing a tumbling index at the Athens Stock Exchange on Wednesday Oct. 15, 2014. Concerns that the Greek government could collapse next year, putting its bailout program in danger, caused a massive sell-off in the country's stock and bond markets on Wednesday, with the main stock index down 9.8 percent. The plunge follows a loss of 5.7 percent the previous day and brings the stock market to its lowest level in 14 months.**

(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

240 euros billion (\$304 billion) to avoid bankruptcy. The country has since then stumbled through an economic depression and is this year finally seeing a stabilization in its economy.

But its massive national debt is still not considered sustainable.

That could mean it may need more rescue loans or seek further improvement to its bailout loan repay-

Syriza party — which wants Greece to renege on part of the bailout loans it owes fellow European countries and the International Monetary Fund — had a widening lead over the governing conservatives.

The government will rely on opposition support in February to elect a new president. Without it, the government would collapse.

Syriza is arguing Greece's

A default on Greece's bailout loans could have uncertain financial consequences, however. International investors may shy away for years from lending to the country for fear of not being repaid, for example.

Conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras chaired a cabinet meeting on the economy after markets closed Wednesday.

## France risking humiliating 'fail' in budget test

**GREG KELLER**

**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Pencils down, papers over.

France finds itself in the uncomfortable position of a student at the end of exams as it hands in its 2015 budget plans to European Union authorities for review. Wednesday's deadline for the bloc's 28 states to submit their budgets opens up a two-week window during which France and a few other countries who know they've missed key deficit targets must wait and hope for leniency, or be forced into a humiliating redo.

It's a process that risks either embarrassing states like France, Europe's second-largest economy, or making a mockery of the EU's new debt rules meant to avoid a repeat of the debt crisis.

France's Socialist government admitted last month that its 2015 budget would shred promises made only months earlier to bring the deficit below the EU limit of 3 percent of GDP within two years and that its 2014 deficit would actually increase rather than come down, as promised in the Spring.

Although some other EU countries also have deficits and debts exceeding the limits, they expect them to decline. France's decision to go against the grain by allowing the deficit to increase is meant to spare the economy more spending cuts, which can hurt economic growth at a time of high unemployment.

The government is already making 50 billion euros (\$63 billion) in spending cuts and tax decreases for 2015-2017.

This time, it's far from certain Brussels authorities will be willing to give France a pass. Neither are France's EU partners in a forgiving mood — several of them experienced devastating recessions over the past five years as a consequence of the painful reforms and spending cuts that were needed to reduce debt.

## Portugal to stick with austerity program in 2015

**BARRY HATTON**

**Associated Press**

**LISBON, Portugal (AP)** —

Portugal's government is extending into 2015 the main features of its unpopular austerity program, resisting the temptation to sweeten its policies for an election year as it battles to restore the weakened country's financial health.

The spending plan for 2015 "acknowledges that the (financial) adjustment process is not yet finished," Finance Minister Maria Luis

Albuquerque said Wednesday as she unveiled the government's annual state budget. "2015 will be another year of challenges."

Portugal is still recovering from near-bankruptcy in 2011, when it needed a 78 billion euro (\$98 billion) international rescue amid a debt crisis that gripped countries sharing the euro currency.

Though one of the eurozone's smallest economies, Portugal's return to health is seen as important to maintain investor confidence in

the 18-nation bloc.

The government intends to cut its budget deficit to 2.7 percent next year. The deficit has fallen from 10.1 percent in 2010 to an estimated 4 percent this year. That drop was largely thanks to deep cuts in spending and entitlements and steep tax increases, which will mostly remain in place.

Economic growth remains frail at an expected 1.1 percent this year and a forecast 1.5 percent next year. Public debt — still wor-

ryingly high at around 133 percent of gross domestic product, the third highest in the 28-nation European Union — is predicted to fall to 123.7 percent.

The unemployment rate is seen falling only slightly next year, to 13.4 percent from the current 14 percent.

Portugal hasn't been able to match Ireland, another eurozone country that needed a bailout, which drew a line under austerity when it announced an expansive 2015 budget Tuesday.





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## Police actions in Hong Kong protests spark outrage

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**HONG KONG (AP)** — Riot police moving against activists sparked outrage after officers were seen kicking a handcuffed protester and dragging dozens of others away Wednesday in the worst violence against the pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong since they began more than two weeks ago. Clashes that erupted before dawn Wednesday continued early Thursday, as police used pepper spray to push back crowds of protesters trying to occupy a road outside the government's headquarters. Tensions were high but the scenes were not as chaotic as on Wednesday, when protesters were knocked to the ground by hundreds of police, some with batons, pepper spray and shields. The clashes have worsened an already bitter standoff between authorities and activists who have taken over key roads and streets in the city to press for democratic reforms.

"Hong Kong police have gone insane today, carrying out their own punishment in private," said pro-democracy lawmaker Lee Cheuk-yan. "Hong Kong's values and its rule of law really have been completely destroyed by police chiefs." Public anger over the aggressive tactics exploded after local TV showed officers taking a protester around a dark corner and kicking him repeatedly on the ground. It's unclear what provoked the attack. Local Now TV showed him splashing water on officers beforehand. Protester Ken Tsang said he was kicked while he was "detained and defenseless." He added that he was assaulted again in the police station afterward. Tsang, a member of a pro-democracy political party, lifted his shirt to show reporters injuries to his torso and said he is considering legal action against police. Police spokesman Steve Hui said seven officers who



A protester shouts to riot police after a clash between protesters and police near an occupied area in Hong Kong early Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. Riot police moving against activists sparked outrage after officers were seen kicking a handcuffed protester and dragging dozens of others away Wednesday in the worst violence against the pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong since they began more than two weeks ago.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

were involved have been temporarily reassigned, and that authorities will carry out an impartial investigation. Police arrested

45 demonstrators in the clashes, and said five officers were injured. China's central government issued its harshest

condemnations yet of the protests, calling them illegal, bad for business and against Hong Kong's best interests. □

## Russia's Putin to focus on Ukraine during trip to Milan

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**MOSCOW (AP)** — Trying to maneuver out of the worst Russia-West crisis since the Cold War, President Vladimir Putin is unleashing a diplomatic blitz involving a series of meetings with Western leaders during his visit to Italy. Putin's two-day trip to a Europe-Asia summit in Milan, which begins Thursday, offers him the first chance to discuss the Ukrainian crisis with EU leaders since his visit to France in June to attend the D-Day anniversary. The U.S. and the European

Union have imposed a series of economic sanctions against Moscow over its annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and support for a pro-Russia insurgency in eastern Ukraine. High-level contacts have been sharply curtailed, and Putin hasn't traveled to Europe since a brief visit to Vienna in late June. In an interview with the Serbian daily Politika released by the Kremlin on Wednesday, Putin angrily dismissed Western sanctions as an "absurd and illusory" attempt to isolate Russia. "It is obviously impossible

to achieve it, but the economic health of Europe and the world can be seriously undermined," said Putin, who will make a stopover in Serbia on Thursday en route to Milan. Putin harshly criticized President Barack Obama for mentioning Russia as a major threat to humanity alongside the Ebola virus and the Islamic State group. "We hope that our partners will realize the futility of attempts to blackmail Russia and remember what consequences discord between major nuclear powers could bring for strategic

stability," he said. Presidential foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov said that Putin will meet Thursday with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and attend a dinner involving other leaders. They last met face-to-face at the World Cup final in Rio de Janeiro in July. Merkel said she expects to discuss the fulfillment of a cease-fire deal signed last month in Minsk, which has helped reduce hostilities but failed to completely halt fighting. "I expect an open exchange of views and progress in implementing the

Minsk agreement. ... We will talk about how we can transform the Minsk agreement into reality," Merkel told reporters in Berlin. Late last month, Merkel said the EU still wasn't considering removing the sanctions because of ongoing fighting. On Friday, Putin will have breakfast with the leaders of Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Ukraine and the European Union that will focus on Ukraine. A separate meeting involving Putin and the leaders of France, Germany and Ukraine is also being considered. □



## St. Lucia: No visitors from Ebola-stricken nations

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**Associated Press**

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — The leader of the small Caribbean island of St. Lucia issued an order Wednesday to immediately bar entry to travelers coming from three West African nations overwhelmed with Ebola epidemics. The Colombian government in South America later announced it would not allow in anyone who has traveled to five African nations within the preceding four weeks.

St. Lucia Prime Minister Kenny Anthony said all visitors from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone were prohibited from entering his country until the Ebola outbreak is brought under control, saying the ban will minimize chances for the deadly disease to be introduced by an infected traveler. St. Lucia is a poor, small nation that does not have the capacity "to manage any crisis that lands on our doorstep, any crisis of that kind," Anthony said. He said an outbreak of the

virus would be devastating for the country of 200,000 people, where tourism accounts for more than 60 percent of gross domestic product. Passengers from a fourth West African nation, Nigeria, will be required to present a "recent medical certificate" clearing them of the virus, Anthony said. Specifics of how this might work were not immediately provided. Colombia's Foreign Ministry issued a brief statement saying the country was bar-

ring entry by any travelers requiring visas who have been in five African nations with Ebola outbreaks — Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Senegal. It said the step was being taken at the recommendation of Colombia's National Institute of Health. Haiti's prime minister put out a tweet on his official Twitter account saying the U.N. peacekeeping force in Haiti was suspending the rotation of troops from African countries as a preventative measure because of

Ebola. The force has been in Haiti since 2004 after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted. It can take up to 21 days before a person infected with Ebola starts to show symptoms that can be found in airport screening tests. During that period, an individual carrying Ebola can get on a flight and fall ill later, as happened with a Liberian who developed the disease and recently died in the U.S.

## Harvard student to be back in US in less than week

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**Associated Press**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Harvard University student who was stuck for months in Mexico after crossing the border without permission said Wednesday he hopes to be back in the United States in less than a week after being granted a humanitarian visa.

Dario Guerrero Meneses, who was taken from Mexico to California by his parents at age 2 and only learned of his illegal status as a young adult, left the U.S. to accompany his dying mother who was seeking alternative cancer treatments. The 21-year-old told The Associated Press he will fulfill her last request and carry her ashes to the family's home in Los Angeles. "I have to be back home with my dad, my brother and sister, and I have to go back to school," he said in an interview in the poor Mexico City suburb of Ne-



**Dario Guerrero stands for a portrait on the rooftop of his grandparents' home in the outskirts of Mexico City. Guerrero, a Harvard University junior, accompanied his dying mother to Mexico without government permission.**

(AP Photo/Dario Lopez-Mills)

zahualcoyotl, where his grandparents live. "These goals cannot be blocked because of immigration issues. I think there is still a lot for me to do in the U.S., a lot of dreams to make come

true and my legal status shouldn't impede that." The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service had declared that Guerrero effectively deported himself when he crossed the bor-

der into Mexico without permission. His mother died in August, and the agency denied Guerrero's initial attempts to return home to California.

But on Tuesday the agency sent Guerrero a letter through his lawyer saying he had been granted humanitarian parole and would be allowed to return after all. His parole is temporary. It lasts for two years and does not give him legal residency, let alone a clear path to U.S. citizenship.

Guerrero was one of hundreds of thousands of young people granted a reprieve from deportation in 2012 by the Obama administration. Now a student at Harvard, he said he applied through the normal process for travel permission to bring his mother to Mexico for treatment and then waited a month and a half for a response as her life ebbed away. He twice submitted requests for fast-track handling and was told to more fully document his mother's condition. He could have tried to plead his case in person, but he left instead.

## Trinidad says 'several' citizens aid Islamic group

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PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — At least "several" citizens of Trinidad & Tobago have traveled overseas to aid militants including the group known as the Islamic State, the national security minister of the Caribbean nation said Wednesday. National Security Minister Gary Griffith said the government has learned of the

involvement of its citizens in overseas militant activity from foreign intelligence agencies that he did not identify. Some of the country's citizens taking part are fighters and others are providing logistical and financial support, Griffith said in an interview. "There are those who are sympathizers, those who are providing financial support for the cause,

those who are working in passport and immigration and lending other forms of assistance," he said. He declined to say how many people there are, beyond "several," but said the government is concerned about the potential for a security threat in the future. "What we are concerned about now, and a decision has to be made on this by the National Se-

curity Council, is how we deal with such persons who have gone to the Middle East and now want to return here," Griffith told The Associated Press. The country of 1.2 million people has a small Muslim minority, about 5 percent of the population, and community leaders have condemned the providing of any assistance to the Islamic State group.

In July 1990, a militant Islamic group stormed Parliament in an attempted coup and took the prime minister and his Cabinet hostage. The coup attempt by Yasin Abu Bakr and 113 members of his Jamaat al Muslemeen group resulted in the deaths of 24 people, most during looting that erupted in the capital of Port-of-Spain.





## A True Aruban Product Keeps Developing and Expanding



**-Aruba Aloe opens a new store at RIU and creates a 'store-in-store' display at Super Food.**

**ORANJESTAD** - Last weekend was a very exciting weekend for Aruba Aloe. Not only did they upgrade their display at Super Food into a 'store-in-store', but they also opened a new store at the brand new RIU Palace Antillas hotel.

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plains Joshua Posner, Managing Director of Aruba Aloe. Bliss Beauty & Health drugstore is located right next to the main entrance of Super Food Plaza and is open from Monday – Saturday from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM and on Sunday from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

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## ON THE GREEN



France's Victor Dubuisson plays from the rough during day one of the World Match Play Championship at The London Club, in Ash southeast England Wednesday Oct. 15, 2014.

(AP Photo/Nigel French/PA)

**ASH, England (AP)** — Defending champion Graeme McDowell and Victor Dubuisson began the World Match Play Championship with comfortable wins on Wednesday, three weeks after teaming up as one of Europe's top pairings in the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles. McDowell had a 3-and-2 victory over Alexander Levy, who won the Portugal Masters on Sunday, and Dubuisson beat Pablo Larrazabal by the same score in the first of three group matches at The London Club in southeast England.

"Historically in this event the last couple of years I have been getting off to slow starts and you don't want to put yourself in the hole against good players," said McDowell, who was 4 up after 10 holes against Levy in the first match of the day. "So a good start for me was key. ... I got going with the putter and was able to build a winning lead."

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## ROYAL FLUSH



Kansas City Royals relief pitcher Kelvin Herrera reacts after striking out Baltimore Orioles' Caleb Joseph in the seventh inning of Game 4 of the American League baseball championship series Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals advanced to the World Series, finishing a four-game sweep of the American League Championship Series with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

(AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

## Royals Sweep Orioles to Advance to World Series

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - For almost three decades, the gold crown above the scoreboard at Kauffman Stadium has mocked the home team. The Kansas City Royals had not been kings of anything since 1985, when they won their only championship. They

would never be royal.

All of that has changed now. Across eight mystical games, a famine has given way to a bountiful harvest. The Royals - yes, the Royals - have advanced to the World Series, finishing a four-game sweep of the American League Championship Series with a 2-1

victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

Along the way, the Royals made history, returning to the postseason after 29 years with unprecedented success. The Royals became the first team to start a postseason with eight victories in a row. The format has changed over the

years, of course, to make this possible. But none of the memorable teams that could have done it ever have. Not the 1986 Mets, not the 1989 Athletics, not the 1998 Yankees - not even George Brett's 1985 Royals.

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## Thursday Night Preview:

# On Any Given Sunday, Sure, but Patriots on a Thursday?

**BEN SHPIGEL**

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FLORHAM PARK, N.J. - The

diluted quality of one of the more important games on the schedule, a divisional

points. Only last week's - the Colts' 33-28 win in Houston - was competitive, and

difficult."

Asked if the league was doing players a disservice, Nelson spoke generally about teammates who, given an extra three days of treatment, might otherwise be available.

In the case of the Jets, who had 13 players listed on Wednesday's injury report, that could have meant reserves Trevor Reilly and Greg Salas, who were instead ruled out. The Patriots are facing a similar situation, with two starting offensive linemen, Bryan Stork and Dan Connolly, recuperating from concussions. Neither practiced this week, and they are listed as questionable.

"I think it just puts guys in difficult situations," Nelson said, adding, "Sometimes you've got a guy who's on the fence of should he play or should he not, and we're in a situation where we've got to win a game. We throw him out there, and it could put him in more risk." Earlier in his career, Douzable loved playing on Thursdays because of the showcase. But the injuries have caused him to reconsider.

"Not only us, but around the NFL," Douzable said. "For a team to get ready, we're short on bodies on Thursday night. I know it's money for the NFL, but I think it's something they need to take away from the game."

This week, Douzable's massages lasted longer. So did his chiropractor sessions. By day, he submerged his body in a cold tub, to relieve muscle soreness and accelerate recovery. By night, he immersed it in an Epsom salt bath.

He is following his own plan for revitalization but also or-

ders set forth by the team. The Jets dressed at MetLife Stadium after Sunday's loss to Denver and filed out of their locker room past flippers admonishing them, in capital letters, that recovery starts now. They were reminded to hydrate, sleep and stretch and to soak in a cold tub. All of which they tend to do anyway, but even more so this week. "Whatever you can do to get your legs back," offensive lineman Willie Colon said.

To quicken that process, the Jets treated practice Monday as a walk-through and Tuesday as a jog-through. On the field they worked at what coach Rex Ryan called half-speed, emphasizing communication and mental preparation as they tried to cram six days of work into three. "It's difficult to try to figure out - all right, do I need to focus on this, or do I focus on that?" Mangold said.

Instead of reviewing the Patriots' last four games in their entirety, as he normally would have done, cornerback Darrin Walls said he had to prioritize. He watched New England's victory Sunday at Buffalo and then cut-ups from the last month, focusing on particular situations - red zone, third down, first-and-10.

It is not ideal, he said, but not much about this week is. Perhaps the only benefit - besides the chance to defeat a hated rival and pump some positivity into their underachieving season - is the reward on the back end: a three-day break that begins Friday. But first, Thursday.

"If they've got all of us doing it," Mangold said, "we all have to deal with the pain of it." □



**New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski is tackled by New York Jets safety Dawan Landry during an NFL football game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., Oct. 20, 2013. The Jets won 30-27 in overtime. The Patriots and the Jets face off on Thursday Night Football tonight, Thursday, October 16, 2014.**

(John Dunn/The New York Times)

Jets want to play Thursday night.

"It's New England week - that's something that we look forward to," receiver David Nelson said.

"We'll be ready," defensive lineman Leger Douzable said.

"We just really need to get that feeling of success," linebacker Calvin Pace said.

The Jets do not want to play Thursday night.

"The three-day buildup to it is extremely difficult," Nelson said.

"I think it's the dumbest thing ever," Douzable said.

"A terrible idea," Pace said.

Their feelings, shared by many players around the NFL, stem from concerns about their health and the

matchup. Four days after subjecting their bodies to a 40-car pileup, the New York Jets and the New England Patriots will do it all again, at Gillette Stadium.

It is their turn to engage in the league's midweek tradition, which affords every team the occasion of playing on national television but at the expense of a diminished on-field product - this season, at least - and, Pace said, the players' safety.

"I think that's the one way you're pretty much assuring a bunch of guys to potentially be hurt," Pace said.

After five Thursday night games, excluding the season opener, the average margin of victory is 26

that was only after Indianapolis went ahead by 24 points in the first quarter.

The poor showings reinforce the notion that healthier teams generally have an advantage, but especially so in short weeks, when players must adjust their normal preparations to account for getting physically ready - or trying to, at least - for a game so soon.

In a normal week, players view Monday as a recovery day and Tuesday as an off day. Even the fittest among them still feel sore when practice resumes Wednesday.

"Maybe when I was younger I probably would have enjoyed it," center Nick Mangold said. "A quick turnaround is physically dif-

## NFL sends Ebola update to all teams

**EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP)** — The NFL has sent a newsletter outlining the basic facts about the Ebola virus to all team doctors and trainers for distribution to players and staff. The

league said Wednesday the newsletter was written by the Duke Infection Control Outreach Network, the league's infectious disease consultants, and sent to the league's 32 teams on Mon-

day. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Wednesday in an email the newsletter was informational.

The two doctors who signed the newsletter advised teams that they did

not need to screen players or staff to make sure they have not had close contact with anyone who traveled to or from areas where Ebola is now endemic.

"We do recommend that

medical personnel educate their players and staff about the need to inform club medical personnel in the unlikely event that they actually have such contact," the doctors wrote. □



## Sports Column:

## As Browns Learn to Win, Fans May Learn to Believe

WILLIAM C. RHODEN

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**CLEVELAND** - Bring up the possibility of a winning season, and Cleveland Browns fans will tell you that it's still only October.

Bring up making the playoffs, and fans will point out that the leaves are still turning and the wind coming off Lake Erie is far from the slicing razor it becomes in November. It's early yet.

But after Sunday's 31-10 rout of the despised Pittsburgh Steelers, even the most cautious Browns fan has to be confident that the franchise is headed for a winning season for the first time since 2007. And maybe, just maybe, a playoff berth - the first since 2002 - is on the radar.

After Sunday's game, Browns coach Mike Pettine abandoned the traditional practice of playing down big wins.

"It's huge," he said. "I can't tell that lie. It's a division win, but for it to be Pittsburgh and the way we did it, it's special."

This has the early feel of a dream season.

Quarterback Brian Hoyer, the hometown hero, continues to impress. Fresh off leading the Browns to an improbable come-from-behind victory in Tennessee, Hoyer, who turns 29 on Monday, improved to 6-2 as the Browns starter and continued to play mistake-free football. Hoyer completed 8 of 17 passes with a touchdown and no interceptions.

"I think the last time the Browns beat the Steelers, I was the backup quarterback for the Steelers that day," said Hoyer, who was on Pittsburgh's roster in 2012.

Going into Sunday's game, Pittsburgh had won the last

four meetings and had defeated Cleveland in 14 of the last 17 in Cleveland. A Pittsburgh victory on Sunday would have been the 11th time since 2001 the Steelers had swept the

demoralizing setback for the Browns' new executive team, led by the first-year general manager Ray Farmer.

"This was important," Farmer said of the victory.



Cleveland Browns quarterback Brian Hoyer celebrates with fans after a 31-10 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

regular-season series. A loss to a reeling Steelers team would have been a

"They've had our number for a considerable number of years. Now it's a part of

us demonstrating not only do we belong on the field, but that our guys understand that we can compete and we can win any game."

He added, "We're learning our team and we're learning who we are as a group our coaches are learning the players, players are learning the coaches, and as we settle into our own identities, I think we have bright future."

The Steelers have always been something of a litmus test for the Browns' dreams. Before Sunday's loss, Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger owned the Browns, going 17-1, the loss coming in 2009.

So ingrained is Steelers dominance into the collective psyche of Browns fans that even with Cleveland leading by 31-3 on Sunday, there was a palpable sense of unease in the stands.

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# Royals sweep Orioles to advance to World Series

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"Don't say it's unbelievable," Brett told the Royals' owner, David Glass, before the game, and so it has happened.

The Royals' runaway train arrived at the World Series when their closer, Greg Holland, got J.J. Hardy to hit a grounder down the third-base line. Moustakas

works exploded, workers rolled a championship podium onto the field, and the team's clubhouse anthem - "We Ready" - played over the loudspeakers.

remaining in the playoffs, were powerless to stop the Royals. Baltimore manager Buck Showalter gave Delmon Young, a player with an impressive October ré-

bag and fired to first. It was the same kind of hit, with a vastly different outcome, as the one Escobar had to start the bottom of the first. Escobar bounced a ball up the middle, just slow enough to be troublesome for the Orioles. It kicked off the base and eluded the fielder. Then Miguel Gonzalez, the Orioles' starter, hit Nori Aoki with a pitch. Lorenzo Cain, with eight hits in 12 at-bats in the series, batted next. Perhaps only Ned Yost, the Royals' manager with a decidedly small-ball approach, would order a bunt from a .667 hitter with no outs in the first inning and a runner already in scoring position. And perhaps only Yost, in this charmed October, would have it work quite like this.

Cain pushed a bunt to first, moving Escobar and Aoki into scoring position. Hosmer followed with a grounder to first baseman Steve Pearce, who threw home. The throw beat the runner - yet, somehow, two runs scored.

Catcher Caleb Joseph lost his grip on the ball when Escobar's slide dislodged it. The ball skipped away and Aoki scampered home with the second run. Without a ball leaving the infield, the Royals had taken a 2-0 lead. If that seemed to defy logic, it made sense in a Royals sort of way.

So did the performance by Vargas. He slumped down the stretch but earned a surprising start in Game 1 of the division series - and pitched well, of course. On Wednesday, after 12 days' rest, Vargas faced a lineup stacked with right-handed power hitters. Naturally, he thrived.

Vargas does not throw hard, but he used his changeup to great effect, getting six strikeouts. And when the Orioles drove the ball to left, Gordon was there to help.

Joseph connected solidly in the second after a single by Hardy, but Gordon tracked down the ball at the edge of the warning track. □



**Kansas City Royals' Alcides Escobar (2) slides safe at home against Baltimore Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph during the first inning of Game 4 of the American League baseball championship series Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals advanced to the World Series, finishing a four-game sweep of the American League Championship Series with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.**

(AP Photo/Matt Slocum )

At last, Royals fans have a new group of players to celebrate: homegrown stars like Alex Gordon, Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez, and imports like Jason Vargas, who allowed just two hits in 5 1/3 innings in Game 4.

grabbed it, set his feet and fired across the diamond to Hosmer for the pennant. Holland hugged Perez. Hosmer hugged Moustakas. A lion mascot raced onto the field with a flag, and soon held a broom high above his crown. Fire-

The Royals will host the San Francisco Giants or the St. Louis Cardinals - the team they beat in 1985 - in the World Series opener on Tuesday night.

The Orioles, whose 96 victories in the regular season were the most of any team

sumé, his first start of the series, putting him in the No. 5 spot against the left-handed Vargas. Young bounced into two double plays.

The first found the glove of shortstop Alcides Escobar, who stepped on the

## Teletovic leads Nets to 129-117 OT win over Kings

**C. BODEEN**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Mirza Teletovic scored 22 points to lead the Nets to a 129-117 overtime preseason victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday, as Brooklyn swept a pair of exhibition games in China between the teams.

The Nets were ahead 112-109 with 41 seconds left when the Kings' Omri Caspi drained a 3-pointer. On the next play, Mason Plumlee's pass to Willie Reed slipped through his hands, sending the game into overtime.

Coach Lionel Hollins credited Deron Williams for "get-

ting us revved up and in rhythm" after the Nets fell behind going into the third quarter.

"And then everybody picked up their energy and then we started pushing the ball and scoring. They couldn't stop us," Hollins said. "I'm proud of the way the young guys played. I'm proud of the way our team competed. They are growing in that area of competitiveness and toughness and trying to wear down the other team."

Plumlee scored 18 points off the bench and center Brook Lopez added 16. Ben McLemore led the Kings

with 22 points. Both teams rested some key players to keep them fresh and healthy for the final preseason games back in the U.S., with Hollins keeping out Kevin Garnett and the Kings' DeMarcus Cousins sitting with a sore Achilles. Teletovic has been the star of the China tour, sinking a 3-pointer with less than a minute left to seal the 97-95 win over the Kings on Sunday in Shanghai.

"We did some good things offensively," Kings coach Mike Malone said. "We competed. We played hard, but we just have to do a much better job on

defense to have a chance to win in the very difficult Western Conference."

The game was played at the Mastercard Center in western Beijing built to host the 2008 Olympic basketball tournament won by the United States. Celebrity guests included Shaquille O'Neil and Yao Ming, both of whom drew huge cheers when appearing courtside. This year marks a decade since the first NBA exhibition games in China, part of an effort to build the league's brand while giving teams a chance to bond and experience a different culture. □



# Kaymer wins PGA Grand Slam in Bermuda playoff

JOSH BALL

Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda (AP) —

Martin Kaymer is making a habit of beating Bubba Watson in head-to-head situations, even at an exhibition of major championships in Bermuda.

Kaymer won the PGA Grand Slam of Golf on Wednesday by surviving a wild day of lead changes. The U.S. Open champion won on the first playoff hole at Port Royal by making a 10-foot birdie and then watching Watson miss his birdie putt from 4 feet.

"I was surprised that he missed it," Kaymer said after closing with an even-par 71. "Obviously, you don't want to win a golf tournament that way, but I'll take it."

British Open and PGA champion Rory McIlroy closed with a 75 and was eight shots behind. Jim Furyk, the alternate in this 36-hole event for the year's four major champions, had a 73 and was another shot behind.

Watson, the Masters champion, shot 69.

Kaymer chipped in for eagle on the 16th hole at Gle-

cost Watson at Port Royal. The stress didn't end when

pected to be near Bermuda early Friday, according

holes, leaving them tied going to the par-3 16th.

That's when it turned in Watson's favor — but only for a minute. The Masters champion made birdie and took a two-shot lead when Kaymer made bogey. But on the par-5 17th, Watson hit into the water for a bogey, and Kaymer made birdie.

Both made par on the 18th in regulation, and then returned to No. 18 for a playoff. "It felt like nobody really wanted to win around the turn," Kaymer said.

Kaymer won \$600,000, while Watson earned \$400,000.

Watson missed four good birdie chances on the front nine until he finally converted on No. 8. That was the start of 10 straight holes in which neither player tied a hole with a par. Over the last 12 holes, Kaymer and Watson combined for eight birdies and seven bogeys. Watson saved his most costly mistake for the playoff hole.

"I hit great putts. They just didn't want to go in this week," Watson said. "That's how golf is sometimes." □



Martin Kaymer drives off the 14th tee in Pinehurst, N.C. Kaymer won the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Bermuda on Wednesday by surviving a wild day of lead changes.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

neagles to beat Watson in the Ryder Cup in another European victory. They also met in a playoff in the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, which Kaymer won on the last hole when Watson hit into the water.

Another shot into the water

the Grand Slam was over. With Hurricane Gonzalo quickly approaching, the PGA of America chartered a flight to get its entire crew off the island. Officials were making sure the four players could get their flights out before the Category 4 storm arrived. It was ex-

to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The final round was so wild that Kaymer's three-shot lead after seven holes was gone three holes later. He quickly rebuilt a three-shot lead after 12, only for Watson to pick up a shot on each of the next three

## McDowell begins World Match Play defense with win

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Henrik Stenson, at No. 5 the highest-ranked player in the 16-man field, halved his match with George Coetzee of South Africa. Two other members of Europe's Ryder Cup winning team, Stephen Gallacher and Jamie Donaldson, lost to Shane Lowry and Paul Casey, respectively.

Patrick Reed, the U.S. team's top points scorer in Gleneagles, opened with a 2-and-1 loss to Jonas Blixt.

Reed won 3 ½ points in the Ryder Cup in his first appearance in the competition.

Blixt went ahead with a birdie at No. 7 and was never behind after that.

"It was one of those days where both of us played pretty solid, but at the end of the day I didn't really make anything," said the



Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell plays a tee shot during day one of the World Match Play Championship at The London Club, in Ash southeast England Wednesday Oct. 15, 2014.

(AP Photo/Nigel French/PA)

Texas-born Reed.

Other players to start with wins were Joost Luiten and

Thongchai Jaidee, who lost to McDowell in last year's final.

The second matches of the round-robin stage will be played Thursday.

McDowell and Dubuisson won both of their foursomes matches in Gleneagles. They carried their good form over to The London Club, which is staging the 50th anniversary edition of the World Match Play.

McDowell, who lost in the 2012 final to Nicolas Colsaerts, was 2 up after five holes and 3 up through seven before winning another hole on No. 10.

"There are no easy matches out here and we always say that in match play as there are 16 quality players here this week — and especially being up against a guy coming off a victory last week,"

" McDowell said.

Dubuisson, who reached the final of the Match Play Championship in Arizona in February, was never behind against Larrazabal and was 3 up after nine holes. □



# Big 12 Midterm Report Card: Baylor, TCU earn A's

**Kevin Lytle**

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AUSTIN, Texas — Halfway through the college football season, the Big 12 is scoring a lot of points, earning plenty of national respect and serving up bundles of close games. In other words, business as usual.

Baylor, with quarterback Bryce Petty reviving his Heisman Trophy campaign, is the team to beat but faces a Nov. 8 trip to Norman, Oklahoma. Preseason favorite Oklahoma hasn't looked good lately but owns the most favorable second-half schedule.

"The league has five teams ranked in the top 15, so nothing is going to come easy," said Bob Stoops, whose Sooners play host to No. 14 Kansas State on Saturday.

TCU's rise and Texas Tech's fall weren't expected, yet nothing has been shocking.

"People are kind of surprised we're 4-1," Horned Frogs coach Gary Patterson said. "We've taken two straight top-five teams down to the wire, back-to-back, won one and barely lost the other. Now we play another ranked team (Oklahoma State)."

"I guess it's life in the Big 12. We're all in survival mode." Here's a midseason report card with a prediction for each team's final regular-season record:

## **Baylor: A**

Petty is back in the saddle after his early season injury woes, but now the fourth-ranked Bears have to wonder a bit about their defense, lit up for 58 points by the first highly competent offense it faced.

Projection: 11-1 overall (8-1 conference), league champ. Oklahoma State and K-State visit Waco, but watch out for that trip to West Virginia this week.

## **TCU: A**

The new up-tempo offense is an overnight sensation,

averaging 45.8 points compared with 25.0 last year. Playmaking linebacker Paul Dawson leads the league in tackles and disruptive plays, yet this quick-strike offense leaves its defense on the field too much.

Projection: 9-3 (6-3). If quarterback Trevone Boykin, the most improved player

and wide receiver Kevin White leads the country with 888 yards on 61 catches. The defense is still a liability.

Projection: 7-5 (5-4). The Mountaineers will create some chaos in this race by knocking off at least one of the contenders. Baylor, TCU and K-State visit Mor-

Baylor could fill up the loss column.

## **Texas: C minus**

A 2-4 record for the Longhorns is normally a flunking grade, but they earn bonus points for facing the ninth-toughest schedule in the country. And these guys are improving.

The suspensions were self-inflicted wounds, and injuries happen to most teams.

Projection: 6-6 (5-4). Defensive tackle Malcolm Brown, linebacker Jordan Hicks and the rest of the defense are plenty good enough, and quarterback Tyrone Swoopes and his line are turning the corner. They'll be a tough out the rest of the way.

## **Iowa State: C minus**

The Cyclones are squeezing what they can out of limited talent. They rank No. 8 to No. 10 in the league in nearly every major statistical category, though they are excellent on special teams.

Projection: 3-9 (1-8). There are two games left they can win: at Kansas, home to Tech. They'll split.

## **Texas Tech: D**

These underachievers have dropped four straight after two ugly wins. A leaky defense allowing 39.5 points and 485.2 yards is mostly to blame, but quarterback Davis Webb has regressed. He already has 11 picks after throwing nine all of last season.

Projection: 4-8 (2-7). Don't guess there'll be another contract extension for Kliff Kingsbury anytime soon.

## **Kansas: F**

At least the Jayhawks wised up and booted Charlie Weis. Linebacker Ben Heeney paces a respectable defense, and ex-Killeen Kangaroo quarterback Michael Cummings has brought a few sparks of life to a rancid offense, but this is a lost cause.

Projection: 3-8 (1-8). The Jayhawks' Super Bowl will be Nov. 8, home to Iowa State. □



**Baylor wide receiver KD Cannon (9) scores past TCU cornerback Corry Omeally, right, in the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, in Waco, Texas.**

(AP Photo/Waco Tribune Herald, Jerry Larson)

in the league, stays healthy and the Horned Frogs, seventh in the preseason poll, take care of business at home, this will be their breakthrough Big 12 year.

## **Oklahoma: B plus**

It's officially time to worry about quarterback Trevor Knight, just eighth in the league in passing efficiency. Doesn't help that Sterling Shepard is the only reliable receiver. Defensively, the Sooners have a strong front seven but are last in passing yards allowed.

Projection: 10-2 (7-2). Expectations were so high, and the reality is somewhere lower. However, an accommodating schedule -- the only remaining trips are to Iowa State and Texas Tech -- keeps them in the hunt all the way.

## **West Virginia: B plus**

In the expectation game, the Mountaineers are far exceeding theirs after being picked to finish eighth. Quarterback Clint Trickett is third in the nation in passing (367.2 yards per game),

gantown.

## **Oklahoma State: B**

Every week coach Mike Gundy says his team is "very average." Key stats back that up, with the Cowboys being middle-of-the-pack in most areas, despite their record. All-purpose sprinter Tyreek Hill is the one dynamic force on the team.

Projection: 7-5 (5-4). The Cowboys have a back-loaded schedule, a good thing for one of the youngest teams in the nation. That difficult closing stretch is likely to eat these guys up.

## **Kansas State: B minus**

Third in the preseason poll, the Wildcats are pretty much playing to form. They're getting more credit for a narrow loss to Auburn than any of their victories. The defense is stout, especially against the run.

Projection: 7-5 (5-4). The only gimme the Cats have the rest of the way is Kansas (Nov. 29). Trips to OU, TCU, West Virginia and

# UEFA disciplinary action over Serbia-Albania violence

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**LONDON (AP) — UEFA**

opened disciplinary cases on Wednesday against the Serbian and Albanian football associations over the fighting between players and fans that led to their European Championship qualifier in Belgrade being abandoned.

The violence broke out after a drone dangling an Albanian banner circled over the field during the first half of Tuesday night's game.

A Serbian player grabbed the banner as Albanian players tried to protect it, and the game was called off before halftime amid the chaos.

The case was quickly assessed by UEFA's disciplinary unit on Wednesday after receiving reports from the delegate, match officials and security.

The Serbian hosts have been charged over "insufficient organization," fireworks being set off, missiles being launched, a crowd disturbance, a field invasion by supporters and the use of a laser pointer, UEFA said.

The Football Association of Albania has been charged for "refusing to play" and over the display of "an illicit banner," the UEFA statement said.

The case will be dealt with by UEFA's control, ethics and disciplinary Body on Oct. 23.

Serbia could have to play its next Euro 2016 qualifier at home on Nov. 14 against Denmark without any fans. UEFA President Michel Platini said he was saddened by the violence.

"Football is supposed to bring people together and our game should not be mixed with politics of any kind," Platini said. "The scenes in Belgrade last night were inexcusable." There was also condemnation from FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who wrote on Twitter: "Football should never be used for political messages. I strongly condemn what happened in Belgrade." □



# Google tries to upstage Apple with latest devices

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is coming out with bigger, more expensive versions of its Nexus phone and tablet to attract more of the affluent consumers who faithfully buy each new generation of Apple's iPhone and iPad.

The new lineup announced Wednesday is Google's latest volley in its duel with Apple in the increasingly important mobile device market. Google's Android software and Apple's iOS software power most of the world's smartphones and tablets.

The Nexus products, which will hit store shelves in November, also will compete against a variety of other phones and tablets that run on the free Android software, including popular devices made by Samsung Electronics.

Both of the Nexus devices will run on a new version of Google's Android operating system.

The latest software is called "Lollipop" in keeping with Google's tradition of naming its Android upgrades after treats.

Google's product unveiling came on the eve of a Thursday event where Apple Inc. is widely expected to update the trend-setting iPad that has defined the tablet market since its 2010 release.

The latest Nexus 9 tablet, made by HTC, features a nearly 9-inch screen — two inches larger than the previous version. The device also will cost considerably more, with prices for the Nexus 9 starting at \$399 — 74 percent more than its predecessor. That's still \$100 less than the starting price for the current iPad Air, which has a nearly 10-inch screen.

The new smartphone, called the Nexus 6, boasts a nearly 6-inch screen, eclipsing the 5.5-inch display on the iPhone 6 Plus that Apple began selling last month.

Google is charging a comparable price for the Nexus 6, with prices beginning at \$649 for a phone without



This product image provided by Google shows the Nexus 6 smartphone. The phone boasts a nearly 6-inch screen, eclipsing the 5.5-inch display on the iPhone 6 Plus that Apple began selling last month.

(AP Photo/Google)

a wireless contract commitment. That's \$300 more than the previous generation, a Nexus 5 with a roughly 5-inch screen.

Consumers can dramatically lower their upfront expense for the Nexus 6 by locking into an Internet data plan with any of the wireless carriers that will begin selling the phone next month. The carriers include

A&T, Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile in the U.S. Google's own Motorola Mobility is making the Nexus 6.

The dramatic price increase on the Nexus devices represents a strategic shift for Google. The Mountain View, California, company traditionally has hailed the Nexus line as state-of-the-art products available at more affordable prices

than Apple's devices.

Because Google gives away its Android software, other devices running on the software typically sell for less than the iPhone and iPad. That has enabled more people around the world to buy smartphones and tablets.

But makers of mobile apps have poured more resources into tailoring their prod-

ucts for the iPhone and iPad because the owners of those devices typically have more disposable income to spend.

Google is now aiming for more of Apple's affluent market with the Nexus line while trying to ensure people with lower incomes can still buy smartphones through a recently launched program called Android.

One. The first Android One phones went on sale in India last month for roughly \$100.

Getting more people online benefits Google because the company has built a lucrative digital ad network through its dominant search engine and other services, including email, maps and YouTube video clips.

Google also is releasing a media player to stream video and music. That device will compete against similar streaming devices made by Apple and Roku, among others.

Pre-orders for the Nexus 9 and the streaming player will be accepted beginning Friday. Both devices will reach store shelves on Nov. 3. Advance orders for the Nexus 6 will be accepted toward the end of October and be available in stores at a still-to-be-determined date next month. □

## China's Alipay offers mobile wallet for US sites

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NEW YORK (AP) — China's half billion online shoppers will soon have an easier way to shop in the U.S.

Alipay, the payments unit recently spun off from Chinese e-commerce powerhouse Alibaba, is launching a service for U.S. retailers called ePass. Alipay has already been working in beta mode with retailers such as luxury deal site Gilt.com, The Gap and H&M.

"We want to demystify the Chinese consumer for U.S. retailers," said Jingming Li, president and chief architect of Alipay, which has a U.S. base in Santa Clara, California, alongside its affiliate Alibaba.

Alipay targets English-reading young professionals in the four biggest regions of China (it doesn't offer a translation service).

The move will let U.S. retailers tap into the estimated 500 million Chinese online shoppers who spent \$298 billion online in 2013. EPass will be available to any U.S. retailer interested in reaching the Chinese consumer, Li said in a press briefing.

And it comes as the payment-services category is heating up with new offerings including Apple Pay, and eBay's plan to split off its PayPal payments business next year.

Cross-border shopping is growing. PayPal, which also offers cross-border

payment services, estimates that by 2018, there will be 130 million cross-border shoppers spending over \$300 billion globally.

It is possible for a Chinese customer to make purchases on U.S. retail sites without ePass, but the process involves using an international credit card and typically brings mark-ups on Western products. EPass aims to ease the "friction" of international purchases, Li said. Users of ePass will see an ePass payment option when they check out on a retailer's site.

Chinese shoppers pay in yuan using their Alipay account and Alipay transmits the payment to merchants in 14 currencies via 180 in-

ternational financial institutions. Customs duties are calculated at checkout.

Alibaba started Alipay in 2004 to facilitate payments on its web sites and spun off the unit in 2011 into a company controlled by Alibaba CEO Jack Ma.

Because it was spun off, Alipay was not part of Alibaba's mammoth \$25 billion IPO in September, the largest ever.

Alipay says ePass can provide retailers with payment processing services, as well as shipping logistics and marketing services as needed.

Alipay will take a cut of each transaction but did not specify how much the percentage is. □



# Wild roller coaster ride for Wall Street

Continued from front

The yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year note fell from 2.20 percent to below 1.91 percent. By the end of the day, it pulled back to a yield of 2.14 percent. The yield on bonds moves

"I don't care who you are: to see the 10-year near 2 percent is shocking," he said. Investors have grown nervous of a stock market that had pushed ever higher, even in the face of a weakening global economy. The U.S. market has also not had a correction, a techni-

a drop of close to 10 percent from its record close of Sept. 18. "The market has been waiting for this 5 to 10 percent correction for quite some time, and we got it," he said. Many market watchers say occasional corrections are a healthy phenomenon

etary Fund cut its economic forecast for the global economy, noting the weakness in Europe and in Asia. The U.S. economy remains in recovery mode. U.S. employers are hiring at the strongest pace in 15 years. The economy expanded at a 4.6 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter and most economists forecast growth will be a healthy 3 percent this year and next. The concern is that weakness globally will infect the U.S. economy and hurt corporate profits. Companies in the S&P 500 index generate a little less than half their sales outside the U.S. In overseas markets, traders also purged their investments on concerns Europe might relapse into a recession. France's CAC 40 index sank 3.6 percent and Germany's DAX lost 2.9 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 2.8 percent. Investors got discouraging U.S. economic news early Wednesday, when the Commerce Department reported that retail sales declined 0.3 percent in September from the previous month. Purchases of autos, gasoline, furniture and clothing slowed. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Empire State Manufacturing index dropped sharply from 27.5 to 6.2 in October as new orders shrank and shipments barely rose. The latest reading marks the slowest pace of growth in six months.



A zipper on the side of One Times Square announces a stock selloff on Wall Street in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted as much as 460 points in afternoon trading, then clawed back much of the ground it lost. It ended down 173 points, or 1.1 percent.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

in the opposite direction of prices. "It typically takes weeks for 10-year Treasuries to move 29 basis points," noted Tom Di Galoma, head of fixed income rates in New York at ED&F Man Capital. "Today it moved 29 basis points in 5 minutes." Stone said he thought the plunge in bond yields likely played a role in the stock market's steep drop in early trading.

cal term for when a stock or index falls 10 percent or more, in more than 3 years. Historically a correction happens every 18 months. Wednesday's slide brings the market closer to that long-predicted but elusive correction. Michael Binger, senior portfolio manager at Gradient Investments, said that investors may have started to step back into the market in the last hour of trading as the S&P 500 approached

over the long term and give investors an opportunity to add to their holdings at a lower cost. "That's why it's so important to stay invested at a time like this, rather than think it's a time to get out," said Kate Warne, an investment strategist at Edward Jones. It's not the U.S. economy that investors are worried about, at least not yet. It's everyone else. Last week markets sold off sharply after the International Mon-

## Wal-Mart cuts outlook amid tough environment

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. cut its outlook for revenue growth for the current fiscal year as it confronts a tough global economic environment. The world's largest company now expects annual sales to be up 2 to 3 percent, down from its guidance of 3 percent to 5 percent growth that it released a year ago. The reduced guidance, announced at its annual analysts' meeting, comes as the Bentonville, Arkan-

sas-based retailer reduces its capital spending on its physical stores because of its move to halve the store growth of its supercenters. At the same time, it's increasing its investment in online operations in an effort to pursue customers where they are shopping. That means spending \$10.4 billion to \$11.4 billion in capital expenditures on its physical stores during the next fiscal year. That's down from \$11.6 billion to \$12 billion being planned for the current year. The company plans to spend-

ing \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion on its e-commerce operations this fiscal year, up from a planned \$1 billion this year. It's also conducting a major review of its U.S. Wal-Mart business and will update investors on its plans early next year, executives said. "We'll give customers the choices they want and need by integrating digital and physical retail," said Doug McMillon, Wal-Mart's CEO and president, who took over the reins from Mike Duke in February. "We

won't be just a store on the street. We'll support our customers' lives with them in the driver's seat, to save them money and time." Under his stewardship, he's been accelerating the company's push to redefine its role in a fast-changing retailing environment. The company is aiming to revive business at Wal-Mart discount stores, which have not recorded growth in sales at locations open at least a year for six straight quarters.

## STREET BRIEFS

### CSX CEO says rail deal would face scrutiny

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — CSX railroad's top executive says regulators are likely to be reluctant about consolidation among the major industry players because they remain concerned about service. The idea of railroad mergers is on investors' minds this week because of several reports that CSX rejected a merger offer from Canadian Pacific railroad last week. Both railroads declined to comment on those reports. CSX CEO Michael Ward said Wednesday the Surface Transportation Board would likely take a cautious approach to any railroad consolidation deals. CSX officials told investors they're confident in their railroad's prospects, and they expect to deliver double-digit growth in earnings per share next year.

The Jacksonville, Florida-based company said Tuesday its third-quarter profit grew 12 percent to \$509 million, or 51 cents per share.

### Brazilian pair raises Chiquita bid to \$658M

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Two Brazilian companies are raising their bid for banana company Chiquita to approximately \$658 million. Investment firm Safrá Group and juice company Cutrale Group said Wednesday that they are now offering \$14 per Chiquita share, up from their previous bid of \$13 per share. That's an approximately 6 percent premium to Chiquita's Tuesday closing price of \$13.16. Safrá and Cutrale said that they have submitted their revised offer to Chiquita Brands International Inc.'s board. The companies said that they don't expect there are any regulatory hurdles that would prevent them from closing on a deal promptly.



# Shire: AbbVie should proceed with \$55B acquisition

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The drugmaker Shire wants AbbVie to stick with its roughly \$55 billion acquisition bid, and it is reminding its U.S. counterpart of the hefty breakup fee it could receive if things don't work out. Shire's U.S.-traded shares shed nearly a quarter of their value Wednesday morning, a day after

AbbVie Inc. disclosed that it was reconsidering a deal it had fought for weeks to put together. Shire said Wednesday that its board believes AbbVie should follow through with its plan to acquire Shire and reincorporate on the British island of Jersey, where Shire is incorporated.

AbbVie announced on Tuesday that it was having

second thoughts after the U.S. government created new limitations on the tax benefits of incorporating overseas. The North Chicago, Illinois-based drugmaker said in a statement that it had not called off the deal, but its board needs to weigh "the fundamental financial benefits of the transaction" in light of new tax regulations announced

by the U.S. Treasury in September. The regulations aim to limit a practice known as an inversion in which a U.S. company reincorporates overseas or combines with a foreign company. These deals can help lower a company's U.S. tax bill. Numerous U.S. companies, many focused on health care, have announced inversions in recent months.

AbbVie's board will meet to consider either withdrawing or modifying its recommendation that shareholders approve the acquisition. Shire said Wednesday that it could receive a fee of about \$1.64 billion from AbbVie if the U.S. drugmaker's board changes its recommendation and shareholders do not approve the deal. □

# Income at Intel climbs 12 percent on PC sales

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**SAN FRANCISCO** - Intel became the world's biggest semiconductor company by powering much of the last three decades of the computer age. But as computers become a part of so many other things, Intel has to figure out new ways to stay dominant.

The most recent quarter may have given the company time to work out that plan. This week, Intel reported that its net income in the third quarter rose 12 percent, to \$3.3 billion, or 66 cents a share, compared with the year-ago quarter. Revenue climbed 8 percent, to \$14.6 billion.

Still, even after a quarter in which Intel shipped a record 100 million microprocessors, Stacy J. Smith, Intel's chief financial officer, said in an interview that "we have more hard work to do, reinventing the personal computer and going into new markets."

It is a common problem among big, older tech companies, as the computer world seems to split into very large computing

devices in not just smartphones and tablets, but cars, wearables and data-reading sensors.

Last week, Hewlett-Pack-

infrastructure, like personal computers, and another company concerned with hardware and software for data centers.

markets. For several years, Intel has struggled to be in more new devices like wearables, smartphones and tablets.

Almost two-thirds of its revenue, however, still comes from PCs, considered a generally slow-growing business. An additional 25 percent is in chips for data centers.

For now, that is a benefit. Revenue from chips for PCs was \$9.2 billion, a 9 percent gain from the same quarter a year ago that analysts ascribed to businesses forced to buy new computers because Microsoft discontinued servicing an older operating system. The data center business grew an impressive 16 percent year on year.

Smith defended the PC business. "They are thin, lightweight and have touch screens," he said of the latest Intel-powered machines, which did not exist "a couple of years ago." □



The Intel logo is displayed at the entrance of Intel Corp. headquarters in Santa Clara, Calif. This week, Intel reported that its net income in the third quarter rose 12 percent, to \$3.3 billion, or 66 cents a share, compared with the year-ago quarter.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

centers, sometimes with a million or more machines, and a very small and diffuse array of computing

and announced it was splitting into two companies, one to handle devices at the edge of this computing

Intel, too, is a prisoner of its history, but with financial strength and a willingness to spend to break into new

# EU orders Ryanair to repay aid to German airport

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**DUBLIN (AP)** — The European Union's executive Commission has ordered Ryanair to repay more than 300,000 euros (\$400,000) provided by a German airport to sustain the Irish airline's business, ruling it amounted to illegal state aid.

Ryanair says it plans to appeal Wednesday's judgment that the airline exploited tiny Leipzig-Altenburg Airport in eastern Germany with a 2010 market-

ing contract that benefited Ryanair, not the airport.

The judgment concluded that the deal to promote the airport on Ryanair's websites offered no prospect of returning a profit to the airport "even in the long term."

Ryanair operated from the airstrip south of Leipzig from 2003 to 2011. During that period, the Dublin-based carrier rapidly expanded its route network across Europe by negotiating hardball contracts with small

regional airports.

The strategy, which opened up far-flung spots to frugal travelers, also started a long-running war between Ryanair and European Union competition authorities over the deals Ryanair struck with local governments as the price for delivering tens of thousands of tourists to their sleepy burgs. In July the European Commission ordered Ryanair to repay nearly 10 million euros (\$12.5 million) in discounts and payments pro-

vided by three small French airports. Ryanair is also appealing that judgment.

In the case of Altenburg, local authorities and investors hoped to open the region to tourism and compete with another airport for Leipzig.

Altenburg had been a pioneer of German military aviation, serving as an aircraft construction and testing facility in World War I, a Luftwaffe training school in World War II, and as a Russian fighter base until the

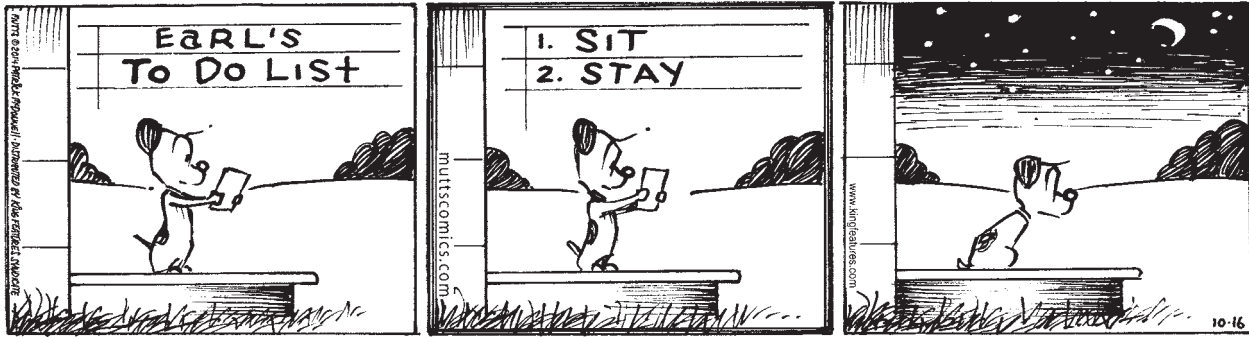
Soviet Union's collapse in 1991.

German taxpayers funded the runway's expansion to accommodate Ryanair's Boeing 737-800s, but the Irish experienced little success and many delays.

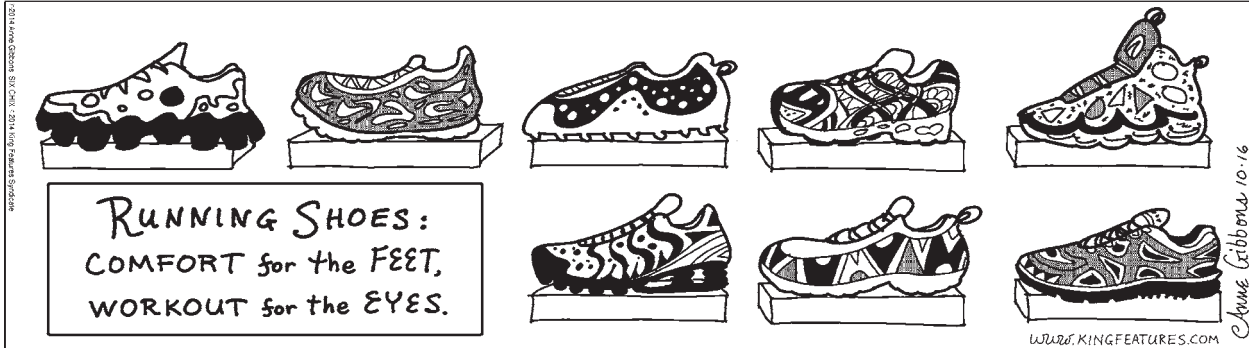
A low point came in March 2010 when an inbound Ryanair flight had to divert to Berlin because Altenburg's lone air traffic controller hadn't arrived for work. Altenburg has attracted no scheduled services since Ryanair's departure. □



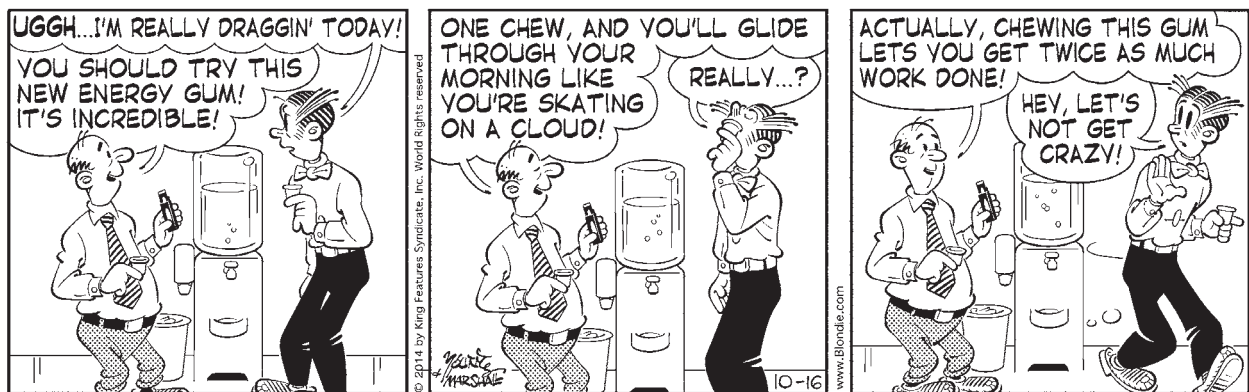
## Mutts



## 6 Chix



## Blondie



## Mother Goose & Grimm



## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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	5					6	

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

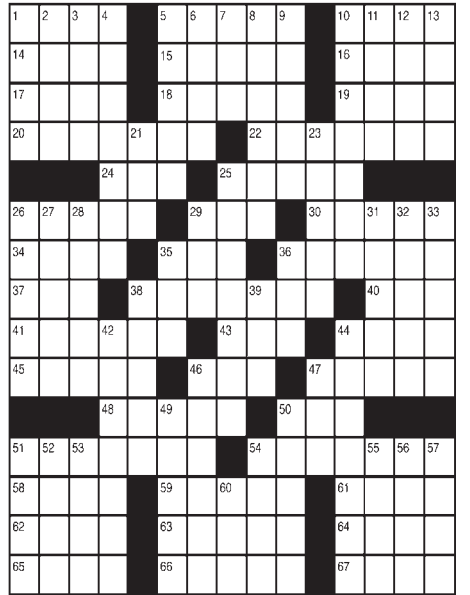
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6	2	3	4	8	1	5	9	7
4	7	1	9	5	3	2	6	8
2	1	4	7	3	6	9	8	5
7	6	9	5	2	8	3	1	4
8	3	5	1	4	9	6	7	2

## ACROSS

- "\_\_\_ and Dumber"
- Zeal
- \_\_\_ as molasses
- "Take \_\_\_ leave it"
- Rent long term
- Summon with a beeper
- Colt's mother
- Light sources
- Bring on board
- Fleece gatherer
- Flowed back
- "...Hallowed be \_\_\_ name..."
- Coin-operated device by a parking space
- Boise's state
- Dobbin's dinner
- Stop
- Longest river
- Gentleman
- Insight
- Pennsylvania or 5th; abbr.
- Shoulder bag
- Wedding words
- Slender
- "I've \_\_\_ it!"; cry of disgust
- Veal or venison
- Go into
- Encountered
- Throw water on
- Crowbar
- Give a nickname to
- Headache chaser
- Relative
- Harvard or Stanford; abbr.
- Fencing sword
- Ripped
- Leaf vegetable
- Cake topping
- Lawn trees
- Ran fast
- Not relaxed
- Take a nap

## DOWN

- Makes darker; lowers the light
- Neighbor of Arizona
- Extra amount
- Inhale
- Narrow street
- Backside
- Water barrier
- Large fish-eating hawk
- Adjust an alarm
- Globes
- \_\_\_-back; relaxed
- Cruel one
- Garden intruder
- Fraternity letter
- \_\_\_ B. DeMille
- Parade participant
- Ridiculous
- Couch
- Warn
- Big success
- "Bye, Pierre!"
- Drinks made with ice cream
- Shed crocodile tears
- Tool with teeth
- Tie the knot
- More miffed
- Head topper



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## Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

SETS	UBOAT	AJAR
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WON	HITS	LINGO
ASIDE	GOV	
PERUSE	ARREST	
IRONS	RELAY	PIT
GNUS	SILLY	PATE
SIN	HANKY	MOCHA
EDWARD	CAREER	
ELI	RANTS	
SPOIL	LOGE	HAD
CONGESTION	RITE	
ARCH	PASTE	UPON
MEET	ANTSY	ESPY

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- Played over in one's mind
- Member of a criminal gang
- Harmful person
- Pester for payment
- Stop in to see
- Funeral song
- Diving seabirds
- Ginger cookie
- Stack
- Mattel's boy dolls
- Beauty spot
- Upper limbs
- Home of twigs
- Canister



## Himalayas blizzard and avalanche kill at least 20; dozens are missing



Emergency responders carry a victim of an avalanche away from the area near Thorang-La in the Annapurna region of Nepal, Oct. 15, 2014. A blizzard and avalanche in Nepal's storied Himalayas climbing region have killed at least 20 people, nearly half of them foreigners, in the midst of the October trekking season, district officials said Wednesday. Dozens have been reported missing.

(Nepal Army via The New York Times)

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**KATMANDU, Nepal** - A blizzard and avalanche in Nepal's Himalayas climbing region have killed at least 20 people, nearly half of them foreigners, in the midst of the October trekking season, district officials said Wednesday.

Dozens were reported missing and feared buried under snow and avalanche debris in the so-called Annapurna Circuit of central Nepal, a favored destination among mountaineer adventurers.

The death toll eclipsed the last major mountaineering disaster in the Himalayas, when 16 Sherpas died in an avalanche six months ago on Mount Everest, the worst climbing calamity in Everest's history.

It was believed that as many as 200 trekkers were caught by the latest weather, a freakish storm that began bearing down on the Annapurna region of the Himalayas on Tuesday, part of the aftermath of a cyclone that ravaged India's eastern coast two days earlier.

While 22 people rescued Wednesday, heavy accumulations of snow - more than 2 feet in some areas - forced the Nepali army

and police to suspend further rescue actions until Thursday.

The army, guided by rescued trekkers, recovered 12 bodies near Thorong La, a pass along a popular trekking circuit, according to the Mustang chief district officer, Baburam Bhandari. The dead included two Israeli tourists and two Poles, as well as eight Nepali trekkers who were trapped in a blizzard.

In Manang district, four Canadians and one Indian trekker were buried in an avalanche along the mountain pass. Their bodies will take days to dig out of the snow, said Devendra Lamichhane, the chief district officer in Manang.

Basant B. Hamal, the secretary-general of the Himalayan Rescue Association Nepal, a nonprofit group that promotes safe mountaineering, said there might have been up to 200 trekkers making their way Tuesday afternoon from the peak of Thorong La, which is at nearly 18,000 feet, to the Muktinath temple, at about 12,000 feet, when the storm hit.

Some trekkers were able to scramble down to safety at a tea stall nearby. Many were injured in the descent, while others were unable to escape the storm. □

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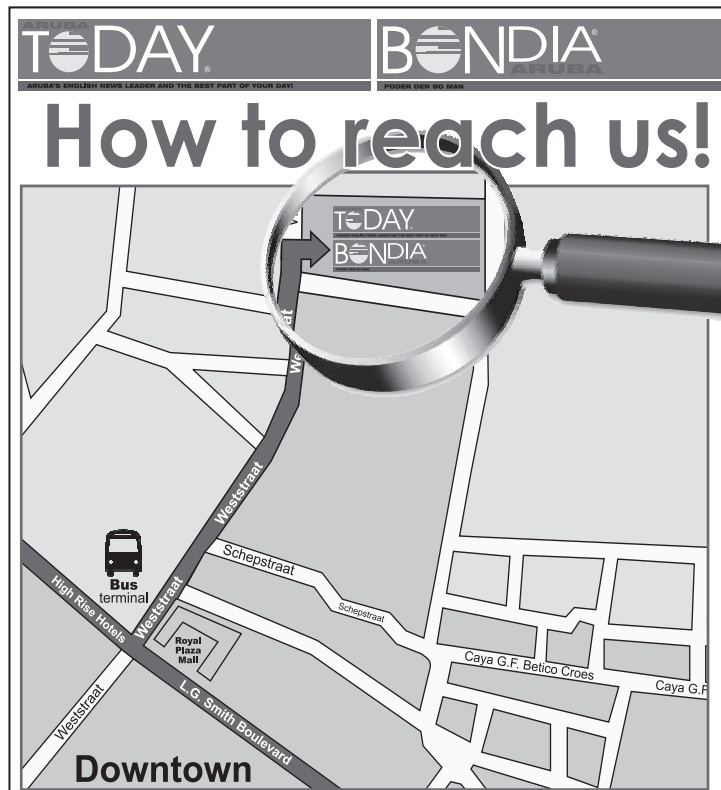
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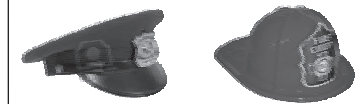


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# With their mark on Earth, humans may name era, too

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — People are changing Earth so much, warming and polluting it, that many scientists are turning to a new way to describe the time we live in. They're calling it the Anthropocene — the age of humans. Though most non-experts don't realize it, science calls the past 12,000 years the Holocene, Greek for "entirely recent." But the way humans and their industries are altering the planet, especially its climate, has caused an increasing number of scientists to use the word "Anthropocene" to better describe when and where we are. "We're changing the Earth. There is no question about that, I've seen it from space," said eight-time spacewalking astronaut John Grunsfeld, now associate administrator for science at NASA. He said looking down from orbit, there was no place he could see on the planet that didn't have the mark of man. So he uses the term Anthropocene, he said, "because we're intelligent enough to recognize it." Grunsfeld was in the audience of a "Living in the An-

thropocene" symposium put on last week by the Smithsonian. At the same time, the American Association for the Advancement of Science is displaying an art exhibit, "Fossils of

name coined by Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen in 2000, according to Australian National University scientist Will Steffen. Geologists often mark new scientific time periods with

really distinct." But instead of a golden spike in rock, "it's going to be a layer of plastic that covers the planet, if not a layer of (heat-trapping) carbon," said W. John

seen.) That's why when he opened the Smithsonian's symposium, he said, "We are living in the Anthropocene," then quickly added: "the age of humans." "Never in its 4.6 billion year old history has the Earth been so affected by one species as it is being affected now by humans," Kress said.

Steffen, one of the main leaders of the Anthropocene movement, said in an email that the age of humans is more than just climate change. It includes ozone loss, disruption of nitrogen and phosphorous cycles that are causing dead zones, changes in water, acidification of the ocean, endocrine disruptors and deforestation.

Steffen said there's no scientific consensus for the term Anthropocene yet, but he sees support growing. To become official it has to be approved by the International Union of Geological Sciences' Commission on Stratigraphy.

That process is detailed and slow, said Harvard's Kroll, who spearheaded the last successful effort to add a new time period, the little known Ediacaran period, about 600 million years ago. It took him 15 years.

The head of that deciding committee, Stan Finney at California State University at Long Beach, said in an interview that he is often called "the biggest critic" of the Anthropocene term. He said while there's no doubt humans are dramatically changing the planet, creating a new geologic time period requires detailed scientific records, mostly based on what is in rocks.

Supporters also don't agree on when the Anthropocene starts. Suggestions include the start of farming, industrialization and the use of the atomic bomb.

The Geological Society of America hasn't taken up the term yet, but may soon start paying attention to the concept, said society president Hap McSween of the University of Tennessee. □



**This handout image provided by NASA, taken in 2012, shows citylights worldwide. People are changing Earth so much with global warming and other pollution that many scientists are turning to a new way to describe the time we live in. They're calling it the Anthropocene — the age of humans.**

the Anthropocene." More than 500 scientific studies have been published this year referring to the current time period as the Anthropocene.

And on Friday the Anthropocene Working Group ramps up its efforts to change the era's name with a meeting at a Berlin museum. The movement was jump started and the

what they call a golden spike — really more of a bronze disk in the rock layer somewhere that physically points out where one scientific time period ends and another begins, said Harvard University's Andrew Knoll, who supports the idea because "humans have become a geologic force on the planet. The age we are living now in is

Kress, acting undersecretary of science for the Smithsonian. Kress said the Smithsonian is embracing the term because "for us it kind of combines the scientific and the cultural in one word."

It's an ugly word, one that many people don't understand, and it's even hard to pronounce, Kress admitted. (It's AN'-thruh-poh-

## Stem cells to treat blindness appear to be safe

**MARIA CHENG**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — An experimental treatment for blindness that uses embryonic stem cells appears to be safe, and it improved vision in more than half of the patients who got it, two early studies show. Researchers followed 18 patients for up to three years after treatment. The studies are the first to show

safety of an embryonic stem cell treatment in humans for such a long period. "It's a wonderful first step but it doesn't prove that (stem cells) work," said Chris Mason, chair of regenerative medicine at University College London, who was not part of the research. He said it was encouraging the studies proved the treatment is safe and dispelled fears

about stem cells promoting tumor growth. Embryonic stem cells, which are recovered from embryos, can become any cell in the body. They are considered controversial by some because they involve destroying an embryo and some critics say adult stem cells, which are derived from tissue samples, should be used instead.

Scientists have long thought about transforming them into specific types of cells to help treat various diseases. In the new research, scientists turned stem cells into retinal cells to treat people with macular degeneration or Stargardt's macular dystrophy, the leading causes of blindness in adults and children.

In each patient, the retinal

cells were injected into the eye that had the worst vision. Ten of the 18 patients later reported they could see better with the treated eye than the other one. No safety problems were detected. The studies were paid for by the U.S. company that developed the treatment, Advanced Cell Technology, and were published online Tuesday in the journal, *Lancet*.

Dr. Robert Lanza, one of the study authors, said it was significant the stem cells survived years after the transplant and weren't wiped out by the patients' own immune systems. For some of the patients, Lanza noted their improved vision changed their lives, referring to a 75-year-old horse rancher who had been blind in one eye before the treatment. □



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## CNN cuts end Mitchell's show on HLN network

DAVID BAUDER  
AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jane Velez-Mitchell and her staff have been laid off due to budget cuts at CNN, ending her nightly program on the HLN network.

Her program, which aired for six years at 7 p.m. Eastern on the CNN sister network, ended Monday.

Mitchell was told of the lay-off on Tuesday, said executives at CNN who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss personnel matters. Twelve people, including Mitchell, were let go with this cut.

The show will be replaced temporarily by reruns of "Forensic Files."

Meanwhile, CNN has disbanded its Los Angeles-

based unit that covers entertainment and will be ending three specialty shows because of the layoffs.

Rachel Nichols' Friday night sports show, "Unguarded," has been canceled, but Nichols will remain as CNN's sole sports anchor and also work for Turner Sports.

Sanjay Gupta's half-hour medical show that airs twice on the weekend has been axed, but Gupta — who is getting plenty of air time with the Ebola story dominating CNN's news broadcasts — will stay with the network.

Similarly, the "CNN Money" show with Christine Romans that airs on Saturday afternoon will be canceled, but Romans is staying with the network. □



In this 2011 file photo, HLN correspondent Jane Velez-Mitchell reports from Los Angeles. Velez Mitchell and her staff have been laid off due to budget cuts at CNN, ending her nightly program on the HLN network.

(AP Photo/CNN, Mark Hill)

## Judge finalizes divorce of Heidi Klum and Seal

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Model Heidi Klum and Grammy-winning singer Seal are officially divorced. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Juhas finalized the pair's divorce judgment on Tuesday. They were married for nearly seven years before seeking a split.

Klum filed for divorce in April 2012, roughly two months after the pair announced their separation. They have three children together.

The divorce judgment does not give any details about how the pair will split custody or their assets.

Their relationship had a storybook quality to it, with Klum and Seal renewing their vows annually and hosting elaborate Halloween costume parties.

Klum is a model and host of the Lifetime show "Project Runway."

"Seal won three Grammy awards for his 1995 hit "Kiss From a Rose." □



Actor Neil Patrick Harris speaks at Book Expo America in New York. Harris is set to host the Oscars next year. The actor and author announced his latest gig online Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. The 87th annual Academy Awards will air live on ABC on Sunday, February 22, 2015.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

## Neil Patrick Harris says to host Oscars

SANDY COHEN  
AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Neil Patrick Harris is going for an awards-show trifecta, set to host the 2015 Oscars after four hosting stints at Broadway's Tony Awards and two at TV's Primetime Emmy Awards.

"To be asked to follow in the footsteps of Johnny Carson, Billy Crystal, Ellen DeGeneres, and everyone else who had the great fortune of hosting is a bucket list dream come true," Harris said in a statement Wednesday released by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The 41-year-old entertainer announced his Oscar gig online Wednesday. He

posted a video on Twitter of him on the phone saying, "I'm in," then showing a close-up of his bucket list and circling "Host the Oscars."

Academy Awards co-producer Neil Meron confirmed the casting on Twitter. He and co-producer Craig Zadan said they've known Harris "his entire adult life."

"We have watched him explode as a great performer in feature films, television and stage," the producing pair said in the academy statement. "To work with him on the Oscars is the perfect storm, all of his resources and talent coming together on a global stage."

Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs called Harris "the consummate entertainer."

The Tony Awards telecast won Emmys all four years that Harris hosted and helped produce the program.

It's been a busy week for the multi-hyphenate star, who released his book, "Neil Patrick Harris: Choose Your Own Autobiography," on Tuesday.

He also appears in the nation's top movie, "Gone Girl."

He wrapped his hit series "How I Met Your Mother" earlier this year and won a Tony Award for his starring role in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." □

## 'Annie' star Wallis hopes to be a veterinarian

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Quvenzhané Wallis says she took singing lessons to prepare for the lead role in a new version of "Annie," opening in theaters in December.

Quvenzhané, who was nominated for a best-actress Oscar when she was 9 for her role in "Beasts of the Southern Wild," said she's always listened to music, especially while on her way to her brothers' basketball games.

"My vocal chords got better as I sang in the car, and when I (took) singing lessons, they got even better," the 11-year-old

Quvenzhané said in a recent interview.

The movie also stars Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz and Rose Byrne. Producers include Will Smith, Jada Pinkett-Smith and Jay Z.

In this contemporized adaptation of the Broadway musical and the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, Annie lives in a foster home instead of an orphanage, "and there are cellphones," Quvenzhané said.

One thing hasn't changed: the presence of Annie's loyal companion, a mutt named Sandy.

"Of course we have a Sandy. There's no 'Annie'

without a Sandy. We have a little doggie named Marti who is a rescue dog. She's really cute," Quvenzhané said.

Quvenzhané carried a puppy purse when she walked various red carpets to promote "Beasts of the Southern Wild."

"(She is one of the youngest Oscar-nominated actors ever.)

Now her 8-year-old Yorkie, Sammie, accompanies her wherever she goes. She has another dog, Shuga, who is too big to travel.

Quvenzhané said she helps care for her dogs by feeding them and making sure they have fresh water. □



## American Art:

# A New York Subway Line That Doubles as an Art Gallery



**"Morning Glory Garden," by Portia Munson, at Fort Hamilton Parkway, part of "Gardens of Fort Hamilton Parkway Station," along the D rail line in New York. The D trains travel through one of the greatest concentrations of public artwork in the subway system, with many stations housing visual delights commissioned by the Arts and Design program of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.**

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

**DAVID W. DUNLAP**

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NEW YORK - For a picturesque ride, few railroads in New York rival Amtrak's Empire line along the Hudson River.

The West End line on the D train, between Sunset Park and Coney Island in Brooklyn, would not seem to be among them.

What it lacks in scenery, however, it makes up in art. Twelve of the 14 stations between 36th Street and the Stillwell Avenue terminus now offer some kind of visual delight: mosaic proletarians, cast bronze bees and a 20-foot-long translucent hot dog. (You'll never guess where.)

The works were commissioned by the Arts and Design program of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is typically allotted 0.5 to 1 percent of a rehabilitation budget for subway and commuter rail stations.

After an \$88 million refurbishing of seven stations on the West End line, completed in 2012, D trains in southwestern Brooklyn travel through one of the greatest concentrations of public artwork in the subway system.

"I really, really liked the idea that they would be seen by people who do not

or cannot frequent art galleries and museums, or who can't afford to buy an expensive piece of art," said the artist Portia Munson, whose brilliant floral mandalas have transformed the Fort Hamilton Parkway station.

The Arts and Design pro-

gram has earned the right to call itself a museum, but it's a museum in which one gallery can be 15 minutes away from the next. On the West End line, by contrast, you can hop on and off the train, covering a lot of

artistic ground in not much time. And this is a good moment to take stock of Arts and Design (known until recently as Arts for Transit), as it approaches its 30th anniversary.

For one thing, the largest single artwork ever commis-

sioned under the program, "Sky Reflector-Net," by James Carpenter Design Associates, Grimshaw Architects and Arup, is to go on view this fall when the new Fulton Center opens in Lower Manhattan.

The figures showed a man pointing a gun at a dog, and a distant bystander. A freelance creative director who took credit for the installation, Andrew Tider, said the reference was to Otterness having made a

The figures were removed almost immediately.

No such controversy seems imaginable among the latest additions to the West End line, a distant successor of the Brooklyn, Bath and West End Railroad. On the platforms of six elevated stations, windscreen panels of laminated glass display lovely translucent imagery. "These projects are like little jewels," said Bloodworth, the director of Arts and Design. Officials have taken something of a gamble using glass. "We have to trust, as we have, that the higher nature of the citizenry will come out when they see these beautiful works," Bloodworth said.

In case your D train is delayed, these works repay study. Some, like Odili Donald Odita's "Kaleidoscope" at 20th Avenue and Amy Cheng's "Rediscovery" at 25th Avenue, are large-scale abstractions that can be appreciated from a passing train.

At the other end of the spectrum is the intricacy of Daniel Zeller's "Internal Connectivity" at Bay 50th Street. His scaleless abstractions can be read as topographic maps or as tissue samples under an electron microscope.

Munson straddles the spectrum with "Gardens of Fort Hamilton Parkway Station." Her symmetrical arrangements of flowers, florets, petals and weeds can be appreciated from inches away or from across the tracks.

At that distance, they look like stained glass, especially "July Mandala Garden," a rose window formed of a four-leaf clover, a sunflower, blue dayflowers, red zinnia petals, yellow coreopsis, globe thistles and daisy petals.

Though she lives in the Catskills, Munson comes to the city with some frequency. On one visit, she was describing the nature of her artwork to an acquaintance who was pleased to tell her after a few minutes, "You know, it sounds a lot like this amazing subway station in Brooklyn."



**A 370-foot glass brick wall by Robert Wilson, "My Coney Island Baby," greets beach-goers at Coney Island subway station along the D rail line in New York.**

(Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

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## Scarier Than Ebola



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We Americans do panic really well.

We could use a few pointers on prudence.

Do me a favor. Turn away from the ceaseless media coverage of Ebola in Texas - the interviews with the Dallas nurse's neighbors, the hand-wringing over her pooch, the instructions on protective medical gear - and answer this: Have you had your flu shot? Are you planning on one? During the 2013-2014 flu season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 46 percent of Americans received vaccinations against influenza, even though it kills about 3,000 people in this country in a good year, nearly 50,000 in a bad one.

These are deaths by a familiar assassin. Many of them could have been prevented. So why aren't we in a lather over that? Why fixate on remote threats that we feel we can't control when there are immediate ones that we simply don't bother to?

On matters exotic, we're rapt. On matters quotidian, which are nonetheless matters of life and death, we're cavalier. Tens of thousands of Americans die in car crashes annually, and according to a federal analysis from 2012, more than half of them weren't wearing seat belts. Perhaps that didn't make a difference in many cases. In some, it probably did. But on this front, as on others, we have clear answers about how to minimize risk, and we simply proceed to forget or ignore them.

There's no way to square skin-cancer statistics in the United States - more than 3.5 million cases diagnosed yearly and almost 10,000 deaths - with the number of Americans showing off their tans. They aren't all getting body paint. They've been lectured about sunscreen and shade and hats. But vanity trumps sanity, and melanoma rides its coattails. I'm not dismissing the horror of Ebola, a full-blown crisis in Africa that should command the whole world's assistance. And Ebola in the United States certainly warrants concern. We're still searching for definitive answers about transmission and prevention.

But Americans already have such answers about a host of other, greater perils to our health, and we'd be wiser to reacquire

ourselves with those, and recommit to heeding them, than to worry about our imminent exposure to Ebola.

"People get very fearful and stressed out and have a lot of anxiety about things like Ebola that aren't a general health risk," said Jeffrey Duchin, who is the chairman of the public health committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. "Just look at causes of death in the United States. Everything is higher than Ebola, and there are things that we can do about many of them."

Duchin, a physician, moderated a panel of experts who discussed Ebola at the society's conference last week. These doctors sought to refocus attention on influenza, which lacks novelty but not potency.

In my conversation with him, Duchin also pointed out that between 2.7 and 5.2 million Americans are believed to be infected with the hepatitis C virus. Deaths related to it can range widely, from 17,000 to 80,000 annually, he said. There's a test for it. There's effective treatment. But the CDC says that up to 75 percent of the people with the virus don't know they have it.

Stephen Morse, a professor of epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, told me: "We have a lot of vaccine-preventable diseases, and we see more and more people refusing to have their children take vaccines."

He was referring to outbreaks of measles and pertussis (or whooping cough) in states and cities where parents have hallucinated a connection between immunizations and autism. They cling to this fiction in the face of scientific information to the contrary.

Both The Hollywood Reporter and Time magazine recently published accounts of anti-vaccine madness among supposedly educated, affluent Americans in particular. According to the story in The Hollywood Reporter, by Gary Baum, the parents of 57 percent of the children at a Beverly Hills preschool and of 68 percent at one in Santa Monica had filed personal-belief exemptions from having their kids vaccinated.

Such numbers, Baum wrote, "are in line with immunization rates in developing countries like Chad and South Sudan."

On CNN on Monday night, a Dallas pediatrician was asked about what she had advised the families she sees. She said that she urged them to have their children "vaccinated against diseases that we can prevent" and that she also stressed frequent hand-washing. Ebola or no Ebola, it's a responsible - and frequently disregarded - way to lessen health risks.

So are these: fewer potato chips. Less sugary soda. Safer sex. Tighter restrictions on firearms. More than 30,000 Americans die from gunshots every year. Anyone looking for an epidemic to freak out about can find one right there. □



## Lady Psychopaths Welcome



MAUREEN DOWD

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Fighting Superman is super hard. "The guy is tough," says Ben Affleck, who is playing Batman in a new iteration filming now in Detroit where the Caped Crusader and the Man of Steel duke it out. The actor is also having a tricky time with less heroic characters in his new hit movie, "Gone Girl," a twisted and twisty conjugal cage fight that has sparked charges of misogyny, misandry and misanthropy.

Critics complain that Gillian Flynn's clever creation, Amy Dunne, who punishes the men in her life by conjuring two false charges of rape and one of murder, is as cartoonish as muscly men in tights. They keen that the sleek blonde portrayed by Rosamund Pike in the movie is the latest in a line of stereotypical she-monsters and vagina-dentata dames, independent women who turn out to be scary sociopaths.

"Gone Girl" opened last weekend with the backdrop of cover-ups on NFL domestic violence and campaigns against sexual assault in the military and on campus. (California just passed legislation requiring students to give active consent before any sexual activity.)

In The Guardian, Joan Smith contended that the movie's fake rape scenarios perpetuate the idea that victims of sexual violence "can't be trusted."

The New Republic's Rebecca Traister told The Financial Times that the movie's depiction of "our little sexual monsters" traded "on very, very old ideas about

the power that women have to sexually, emotionally manipulate men. When you boil women down to only that, it's troubling." Not to mention when the boiled-down women boil bunnies.

But, as a devotee of film noir vixens, I side with Flynn, whose philosophy is: "Dark sides are important. They should be nurtured like nasty black orchids."

Given my choice between allowing portrayals of women who are sexually manipulative, erotically aggressive, fearless in a deranged kind of way, completely true to their own temperament, desperately vital, or the alternative - wallowing in feminist propaganda and succumbing to the niceness plague - I'll take the former.

If "Gone Girl" is sending the wrong message about women, then Emma Bovary should have gone to medical school instead of cheating on her husband, Anna Karenina should have been a train engineer rather than throwing herself onto the tracks, and Eve Harrington should have waited her turn.

The idea that every portrait of a woman should be an ideal woman, meant to stand for all of womanhood, is an enemy of art - not to mention wickedly delicious Joan Crawford and Bette Davis movies. Art is meant to explore all the unattractive inner realities as well as to recommend glittering ideals. It is not meant to provide uplift or confirm people's prior ideological assumptions. Art says "Think," not "You're right."

After the 1917 revolution, the Bolsheviks pushed Socialist Realism, creating the Proletkult to ensure that art served ideology. Must we now have a Gynokult to ensure Feminist Unrealism?

"Good God, we're in a lot of trouble if people think that Amy represents every woman," Flynn marveled, telling me: "Once I was being mentioned alongside Ray Rice, I thought, wow, this is going to an interesting place."

"Feminism is not that fragile, I hope. What Amy does is to weaponize female stereotypes. She embodies them to get what she wants and then she detonates them. Men do bad things in films

all the time and they're called anti-heroes."

Amy may not be admirable, Flynn notes, but "neither are the men on 'The Sopranos.'"

"I think part of what people are pushing back on is that Amy's not a dismissible bad person," she said. "She doesn't get punished." David Fincher, the director with the gift for saturating scenes in the darkness that interests him, is equally bemused.

"I don't think the book or movie is saying that one out of five women in the Midwest needs to be scrutinized for borderline personality disorder," he said. "The character is hyperbolized. It's not '60 Minutes.' It's a mystery that becomes an absurdist thriller that ultimately becomes a satire."

Flynn, Fincher and Affleck agree the movie is less about the she-monster than the me-monster, the narcissism involved in seducing your aspirational soul mate.

"The whole point is that these are two people pretending to be other people, better people, versions of the dream guy and dream girl," Flynn said. "But each one couldn't keep it up, so they destroy each other."

Or as Fincher puts it, eventually in a relationship, you get to the point where exhaustion sets in and you say, "I don't feel like repainting the Golden Gate Bridge yet again."

Affleck said that, as the father of two young girls, he is acutely aware of the dangers that women face in the world.

"But picking apart the plot architecture in this literal way misses the larger point of Gillian's book and David's movie," he said. "Just as Kubrick's 'Lolita' was about pedophilia, 'Plotwise,' but actually about obsession, this movie is not simply about a diabolical woman or a man getting railroaded."

It's an indictment of how we lie to one another until, eventually, the mask falls off. Ironically, it is a movie that's critical of marriage from two people who have great marriages."

So to the Church of Feminism and the Niceness Thought Police, I say: Let a thousand black orchids bloom. □



# Converse Goes to Court to Protect Chucks from Lookalikes

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First came the athletes, then the greasers. Then came the nonconformists, the teenagers and finally the baby boomers. The shoe manufacturer Converse has sold its brand of cool and whiff of rebellion to generations of Americans.

Now Converse, the century-old U.S. footwear maker, says some of the core elements of its widely recognizable Chuck Taylor sneakers - black stripes and

considered to be counterfeit from entering the country.

"The goal really is to stop this action," said Jim Calhoun, the Converse chief executive. "I think we're quite fortunate here to be in the possession of what we would consider to be an American icon."

Wal-Mart, Kmart and Skechers did not respond on Tuesday to requests for comment.

With its rubber-toe front and recognizable star, Converse started Ameri-

their heyday in the 1950s and '60s, with the whirlwind of changes in tastes and fashions and offered a counterpoint to saddle shoes and wingtips as everyday wear.

"You had the greasers versus the bobby-soxers," said Ellen Goldstein, a professor of accessory design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. "And then in the '60s you had the hippie generation and the nonconformists."

For years, Converse has been well-represented by

shoe is what's used when they want to put you back in that particular era, but pretty much in every era people have been wearing them."

But Converse's enviable perch in pop culture's kingdom has not been consistent. The company floundered before filing for bankruptcy in the 1990s, and experienced a brand rebirth only when Nike gave the All Star a new push after buying Converse in 2003.

Nike reinvigorated the

2014 fiscal year, Converse made up a small albeit important part of Nike's business, reporting about \$1.7 billion of Nike's roughly \$28 billion in sales. Converse estimates it has sold about 1 billion shoes worldwide with its Chuck Taylor trademark features.

"From a revenue standpoint, it is one of their most profitable businesses," said Jim Duffy, a sports and lifestyle brands analyst for Stifel Nicolaus.

Duffy also added that Converse's profits benefit from having so many variations of a single type of shoe.

"The general rule of thumb in footwear, the more volume you do over a single footbed, the better the margin," he said.

Nike has also helped Converse increase its sales overseas, using its robust distribution contracts to help funnel Converse sneakers into foreign stores. But that increase in popularity has also contributed to what Calhoun says is an "explosion in knockoff activity." The complaint with the trade commission includes four companies based in China, and Calhoun says that cease-and-desist letters are no longer enough to keep look-alikes at bay. Trademark infringement, however, is difficult to prove in the fashion world. The law does not allow companies to protect aspects of their designs that are functional, and companies must also prove that consumers associate the specific design with the manufacturer, not just that a given design is popular. "It can't just be that consumers like your design," said R. Polk Wagner, a professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School who specializes in intellectual property. "It can't just be that your design is different or novel or interesting. It has to be that consumers associate the design with the source of the design. The functionality limitation and the requirement that the design identify source makes it pretty difficult to win these cases." □



From left, a Converse All Star shoe with similar offerings from Fila and Bobs, in New York, Oct. 14, 2014. Converse is filing trademark infringement lawsuits against 31 companies, in the hopes of clearing store shelves of impostors of its widely recognizable Chuck Taylor shoes. (Earl Wilson/The New York Times)

a rubber toe topper - are being co-opted by Wal-Mart, Kmart, Skechers and others. And it is taking them to court, accusing 31 companies of trademark infringement in 22 separate lawsuits filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn.

But while Converse, which has been owned by Nike since 2003, is suing for monetary damages, its main priority is getting impostors off the shelves. To that end, the company is pursuing a separate complaint with the International Trade Commission, which has the power to stop any shoes

ca's brand-name athletic footwear business long before the field became crowded with Nikes, Reeboks and Adidas. Converse introduced its first sneaker created for basketball players, the All Star, in 1917.

Its most popular spokesman, Chuck Taylor, was himself a famous basketball player, and he joined the company in the early 1920s. The style was named after him and generations of American teenagers have known the shoes as Chucks.

The shoes experienced

the cool kids of the big screen. John Travolta's gang of leather-wearing T-Birds in "Grease" had Chucks on as they strutted around Rydell High. The "Italian Stallion" Rocky Balboa, played by Sylvester Stallone, wore them to train as a boxer for "Rocky."

"Every big star some time or somewhere has worn them in a movie because a lot of times they're used to evoke an era," said Hal Peterson, the author of "Chucks! The Phenomenon of Converse Chuck Taylor All Stars" (Skyhorse Publishing, 2007). "That

brand by expanding the franchise, introducing more colors and styles, and helping to push All Stars into overseas markets.

"Reintroducing those same classic shapes that they had from the '50s and '60s really catered to the baby boomers who used to wear them," Goldstein said. "So there's very much a return, and there's also a rebirth in the younger generation who are looking at the shoe and saying, 'Wow, it's a really classic shape.'" Converse had about \$205 million in sales when Nike came in to rescue it. In its